



City of Fayetteville

433 Hay Street
Fayetteville, NC
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Meeting Agenda - Final City Council Work Session

Monday, November 10, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 INVOCATION

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 6.01** [25-4998](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - Request Audit of CIP Projects - Council Members Hondros, Davis, & Greene
- 6.02** [25-5001](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - FPD Quarterly Report Public Upload Date Consistency - Council Member Benavente
- 6.03** [25-5003](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - Research Tenants Rights Ordinance - Council Member Benavente
- 6.04** [25-5009](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - Dinner Meeting Reform - Council Member Benavente
- 6.05** [25-5013](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - Disclose City Council Conflict of Interest Forms - Mayor Colvin
- 6.06** [25-5021](#) City Council Agenda Item Request - Arts Council Alleyway Improvement - Council Members Benavente and Davis

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING REMARKS

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION WILL BE AIRED
November 10, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.
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Five Council Strategic Priorities





City of Fayetteville

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City Council Action Memo

File Number: 25-4998

Agenda Date: 11/10/2025

Version: 1

Status: Agenda Ready

In Control: City Council Work Session

File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.01

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

**FROM: Council Member Deno Hondros (District 9)
Council Member Malik Davis (District 2)
Council Member Lynne Greene (District 5)**

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:

**City Council Agenda Item Request - Formal Request for State Auditor to Audit
City of Fayetteville CIP Projects - Council Members Hondros, Davis, & Greene**

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal 2: City of Fayetteville will have a responsive city government supporting a diverse and viable economy.

Goal 3: City of Fayetteville will be a city invested in today and tomorrow.

Goal 4: City of Fayetteville will be a highly desirable place to live, work, and recreate.

Goal 5: City of Fayetteville will be financially sound city providing exemplary city services.

Executive Summary:

This request is for the State Auditor's Office (OSA) to audit our stalled CIP Projects: specifically, the Rosehill Road Sidewalk project, Mable C. Smith Center, the Tennis Center, the Hay Street Parking Deck/PCH project, and Firehouse 4 on Bragg Blvd, will exemplify a city government that is responsive and transparent to its residents. A clean third-party audit such as by the OSA will display that Fayetteville is invested in today and tomorrow. With a clean third-party audit current and new city residents will have the confidence that Fayetteville is a desirable place to live work and recreate. A clean third-party audit will provide confidence that Fayetteville is a financially sound city. A clean audit will not only signal that Fayetteville is a safe and secure community, and that council is collaborative with citizen and business, but that we are also fiscally responsible and financially sound.

Background:

N/A

Issues/Analysis:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request

City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: 10/24/2025 **Requester:** CM Malik Davis, CM Lynne Greene, CM Deno Hondros

Agenda Item Title: Formal Request for State Auditor to Audit CoF CIP Projects

Estimated Cost: N/A **Anticipated Funding Source:** General

City Department(s) Support Requested: All pertinent

Estimated Staff Time Required: 40-100 hours (Est)

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: 11/3/2025

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

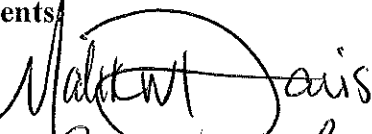
- Goal 2: CoF will have a responsive city government supporting a diverse and viable economy.
- Goal 3: CoF will be a city invested in today and tomorrow.
- Goal 4: CoF will be a highly desirable place to live, work and recreate.
- Goal 5: CoF will be financially sound city providing exemplary city services.

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

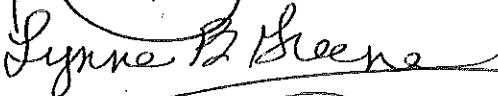
This request for the State Auditor's Office (OSA) to audit our stalled CIP Projects: specifically the Rosehill Road Sidewalk project, Mable C. Smith Center, the Tennis Center, the Hay Street Parking Deck/PCH project, and Firehouse 4 on Bragg Blvd, will exemplify a city government that is responsive and transparent to its residents. A clean third-party audit such as by the OSA will display that Fayetteville is invested in today and tomorrow. With a clean third-party audit current and city new residents will have the confidence that Fayetteville is a desirable place to live work and recreate. A clean third-party audit will provide confidence the Fayetteville is financially sound city. A clean audit will not only signal that Fayetteville is a safe and secure community, and that council is collaborative with citizen and business, but that we are also fiscally responsible and financially sound.

Additional Comments

CM Malik Davis:



CM Lynne Greene:



CM Deno Hondros:





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Status: Agenda Ready

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File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.02

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

FROM: Council Member Benavente

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:

**City Council Agenda Item Request - FPD Quarterly Report Public Upload Date
Consistency - Council Member Benavente**

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal IV: Desirable Place to Live, Work, and Recreate

Executive Summary:

Require FPD Quarterly Reports to be posted publicly at the same time as every other department is required to ahead of regular meetings. Dispel any concerns that the City does not make FPD Quarterly report available to the public in order to obfuscate or frustrate the press, or concerned citizens from reporting on data ahead of meetings.

Background:

N/A

Issues/Analysis:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request

City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: 10/24/25 Requester: CM Benavente

Agenda Item Title: FPD Quarterly Report Public Upload Date Consistency

Estimated Cost: _____ Anticipated Funding Source: _____

City Department(s) Support Requested: CMO

Estimated Staff Time Required: 1HR

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: November 3, 2025

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Additional Comments: Require FPD Quarterly Reports to be posted publicly at the same time as every other department is required to ahead of regular meetings.

Dispel any concerns that the City does not make FPD Quarterly report available to the public in order to obfuscate or frustrate the press, or concerned citizens from reporting on data ahead of meetings.



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File Number: 25-5003

Agenda Date: 11/10/2025

Version: 1

Status: Agenda Ready

In Control: City Council Work Session

File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.03

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

FROM: Council Member Mario Benavente

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:

**City Council Agenda Item Request - Research Tenants Rights Ordinance -
Council Member Benavente**

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal IV: Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

Executive Summary:

Direct staff to research tenants' rights ordinances, similar to those in Charlotte and Durham, to support additions to the local housing ordinances, language that states it is unlawful for a landlord to collect rent for a unit that is "imminently dangerous to health and safety or does not permit any other person to begin occupancy of such place of habitation".

Background:

N/A

Issues/Analysis:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request

**City Council Agenda
Item Request**

Date of Request: 10/28/25 Requester: Mario Benavente

Agenda Item Title: Research Tenants Rights Ordinance

Estimated Cost: \$0 Anticipated Funding Source:

City Department(s) Support Requested: CAO

Estimated Staff Time Required: 1 HRS

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: 11/10/25

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?
Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Do the research necessary to support addition to local housing ordinances, language that states it is unlawful for a landlord to collect rent for a unit that is "imminently dangerous to health or safety or ot permit any other person to begin occupancy of such place of habitation."

Additional Comments:

Review similar ordinances in Charlotte and Durham.



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City Council Action Memo

File Number: 25-5009

Agenda Date: 11/10/2025

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Status: Agenda Ready

In Control: City Council Work Session

File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.04

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

FROM: Council Member Benavente

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:

City Council Agenda Item Request - Dinner Meeting Reform - Council Member Benavente

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal I: Safe and Secure Community

Goal II: Diverse and Viable Economy

Goal IV: Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

Executive Summary:

Request to formalize, through ordinance or other appropriate means, the dinner meeting agenda by having it set by the City Manager.

Background:

N/A

Issues/Analysis:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request

Discussion of Agenda Item minutes from 01/01/2025 to present

Emails received from the UNC School of Government regarding the Dinner Meeting vote on 10/27/25 to cancel the Work Session scheduled on 11/03/2025.

**City Council Agenda
Item Request**

Date of Request: 10/30/25 **Requester:** Mario Benavente

Agenda Item Title: Dinner Meeting Refrom

Estimated Cost: \$0 **Anticipated Funding Source:** _____

City Department(s) Support Requested: City manager's office

Estimated Staff Time Required: 1 HRS

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: Nov 10 2025

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

Goal I Safe and Secure Community
Goal II Diverse and Viable Economy
Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Formalize through ordinance or other appropriate process, a dinner meeting agenda, set by the city manager. That we make the dinner meetings more accessible to the public.

Additional Comments:

Include the Dinner Meeting Minutes from 01/01/25 to present.
Include emails received from UNC School of Government regarding the Dinner Meeting Vote 10/27/25 to cancel the work session previously scheduled on 11/3/25.

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
January 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (arrived 5:57 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: D. J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development Director
Todd Major, Assistant Police Chief
Pamela Megill, City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the January 13, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Hondros stated he intends to pull Item 8.0A4 - Ghost Gun Regulation Resolution, for presentation and separate vote.

Council Member Thompson asked for an overview of Item 8.0A7 - National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Program Award. Assistant Police Chief, Todd Joyce, provided an overview of this item.

Mayor Colvin asked Ms. Lexi Hasapis, PWC, to provide an overview of Item 11.02 - Public Hearing, Phase 5 Annexation Utility Improvement Project Area 32 East Section I Public Hearing on the Preliminary Assessment Roll.

Mr. Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development Director provided an overview of the search process for a new Police Chief, as the current Police Chief, Mr. Kemberle Braden, is retiring at the end of March 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. MEGILL
City Clerk
011325

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
January 27, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (arrived 5:57 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: D. J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Will Deaton, Planning and Zoning Manager
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Pamela Megill, 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 January 27, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Colvin asked for an overview of Item 7.0A4 - Adoption of Historic District Design Standards and Associated Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. Dr. Gerald Newton, Development Services Director, provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Hondros asked for an overview of Item 7.0A7 - Adoption of Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance to Appropriate the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award. Police Chief Braden provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Thompson asked for an overview of Item 7.0A6 - Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment and Authorization to Accept Grant Funding from North Carolina Amateur Sports. Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director, provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Benavente stated the legislative text in Item 7.0A8 is a misrepresentation of the entire process. Discussion ensued.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privilege matters.

SECOND: Council Member Benavente

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular session was recessed at 6:11 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to go into open session.

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40

p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. MEGILL
City Clerk
012725

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
February 10, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Present: 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) (arrived 5:34 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief
Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Moses Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Sonye Randolph, Assistant City Manager
Byron Reeves, Stormwater
Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the February 10, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Haire asked for an overview of Item 8.02A - Construction Update and Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Additional Funding for the Tennis Center Project. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the item. Council Member Greene stated she plans to pull the item to be tabled until further information is provided.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Greene asked how the City will ensure it is compliant for Item 8.0A1 - Acceptance of Grant Award, and Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate funding for Person & Russell Street Flood Mitigation. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, and Mr. Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director, explained the process on how the City ensures it is compliant with all requirements.

Council Member Benavente stated he would like an update on the three administrative reports and will pull them for the next work session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
021025

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
February 24, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (arrived at 5:37 p.m.) Council Members 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)

Absent: Council Member Katherine K. Jensen (District 1)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Lisa Harper, Assistant City Attorney
Moses Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Alex Baker, Assistant Economic & Community Development Director
Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Dave Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services Director
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator Supervisor
Will Deaton, Planning & Zoning Division Manager
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Council Member Haire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Haire asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the February 24, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Thompson requested an overview of Item 7.0A10 - Faison Avenue - Non-Compliant Speed Hump Petition. Mr. Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services Director stated the Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP) process allows residents to go through the steps and if the study of the road identifies that the road does not meet the volume or speed thresholds the requester is allowed to follow the non-compliant process which provides three options: 1) Pay for the speed humps out of pocket, 2) Implements a local improvement district that would tax the homeowners for a certain number of years to pay for the speed humps, or 3) Petition the Council. This is a petition for three speed humps. Staff recommends denial.

Council Member Hondros asked what the makeup of the Public Arts Council is for Item 8.01 - Public Arts Commission Annual Report. Mr. Will Deaton, Planning & Zoning Manager, stated some appointments are by the City Council and some are by the Arts Council.

Mayor Colvin asked what the plan is for reviewing the Historic District Standards in regards to Item 7.0A5 - Adoption of Historic District Design Standards and Associated Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. Council Member Thompson stated the Policy Committee will be reviewing the Historic District Design

Standards and then will come back to the full Council at a Work Session. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Thompson asked about vacancies in regard to Item 9.02 - Receive the FY 2025 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, stated that as the Federal government reduces their employees, the City may see an uptick in hiring and create a decrease in vacancy savings.

Council Member Benavente requested clarification on a section of the notes from the January 29, 2025, Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Meeting in relation to Item 9.04 - Receive the Fayetteville Police Department 2024 Fourth Quarter Review. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin requested an overview for Item 12.01 - Additional Polling Location for the November 2025 Municipal Election. Ms. Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk, stated this is the approval for Council to add Cliffdale Recreation Center as an additional polling site and budget \$40,000.00, then at the first meeting in March, the required resolution will be on consent.

Council Member Hondros asked if Item 13.01 - Wrecker Operators to Clear Debris from Accident Sites has been vetted by the Wrecker Review Board. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated it has not. This item is about wrecker businesses that are not on the rotation list. Businesses that are on the rotation list are already required to clean the site. This would require all wreckers to clean the sites whether called by the Police or not. This helps with enforcement.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privilege matters.
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular session was recessed at 5:54 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to go into open session.
SECOND: Council Member Benavente
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
022425

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
MARCH 13, 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
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Sonye' Randolph, Assistant City Attorney
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Dave Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services Director
Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services Director
Will Deaton, Planning and Zoning Division Manager
Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager
Laura Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator
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 March 13, 2025, meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the process and concerns related to a consolidated 911 Call Center.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente made a consensus motion to direct staff to work together to discuss consolidation of a 911 Call Center with a preference towards creating an independent authority to address levels of service, transitional time requirements, and training level expectations and have Mayor Colvin send a correspondence to Chairman deViere requesting staff meet before the deadline.

SECOND: Council Member Hondros

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Mayor Colvin stated he would like to table Item 10.01 - Authorize PSAP (911 Center) Architectural Agreement until the March 24, 2025, meeting. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated the grant deadline is May 30, 2025. A conceptual drawing must be completed to submit the grant application.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Benavente stated he plans to pull Item 11.01 - Feasibility of SafeLight (Red-Light Camera) Program Reimplementation for presentation at the April Work Session. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney stated currently, it would not be appropriate for the item to go to a Work Session, and she will keep City Council updated.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privilege and Economic Development matters.
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session was recessed at 6:06 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

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

Mayor Colvin provided a handout to City Council from Austin, Texas, on their permitting process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
022425

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
MARCH 24, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin; Council Members Malik Davis (District 2) (arrived at 6:11 p.m.); 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)

Absent: Council Member Katherine K. Jensen (District 1)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
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Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Dave Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services Director
Craig Harmon, Planner II
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator Supervisor
Christopher Cauley, Economic & Community Development Director
Albert Baker, Economic & Community Development Assistant Director
Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager
Lisa Shorter, Mission Critical Partners
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 March 24, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated Item 7.0A4 - Uninhabitable Structures: Demolition Recommendations, the address 1307 Coburn Street, should be removed due to the property owner demolishing the structure over the weekend. Discussion ensued regarding the use of liens and CBDG funding requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding Item 10.01 - Authorize PSAP (911 Center) Architectural Agreement. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated the City and County have started engaging to discuss the possible consolidation of a joint 911 Call Center. To ensure the City does not miss out on applying for the grant while discussions take place, the architect has agreed to create the required documents for the competitive 911 construction grant for an estimated \$10,000.00. Ms. Lisa Shorter, Mission Critical Partners, stated that professional services are required for a conceptual floor plan from the architect.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to go into a closed session for economic development.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular session was recessed at 5:55 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to go into open session.
SECOND: Council Member Greene
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to enter into PFAS litigation.
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
032425

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
APRIL 14, 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 5:39 p.m.); D.J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (arrived at 6:03 p.m.); 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
Christopher Cauley, Economic & Community Development Director
Dave Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services Director
Craig Harmon, Planner II
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
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 April 14, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff requests removal of Item 8.0A6 - Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Federal Transit Administration FY25 Grant NC-2025-021-00 and Required Local Match due to a bookkeeping technical change.

Council Member Haire asked for clarification of Item 8.0A2 - Set Filing Fee for Municipal Elections. Mr. Hewett stated it would be to raise the filing fee by one cent for a total of 206.00 to make it even.

Discussion ensued regarding the public forum.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to go into a closed session for economic development, attorney-client privilege, and safety and security.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular session was recessed at 5:47 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to go into open session.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09

p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
041425

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**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

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

DRAFT

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
MAY 12, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); 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)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin; Council Member Mario Benavente (District 3)

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
Kimberly Leonard, Budget and Evaluation Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Sonye Randolph, Assistant City Attorney
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services
Director
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Council Member D.J. Haire stated he plans to pull Item 8.0A7 - Ordinance Requiring Towing Operators to Clean Accident Site. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated if it passes staff will make a good-faith effort to reach out to all tow truck operators.

Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated she will announce Item 9.02 - Proposed Youth Protection Ordinance is on the agenda as a formality, and final action may be taken at the May 27, 2025, Regular meeting. Council Member Derrick Thompson stated the ordinance title should be Youth Protection Safety. Because it has a criminal component it cannot be approved at first hearing. Discussion ensued on what would be done with a child if they are caught after curfew. Council Member Banks-McLaughlin recommended bringing this item to a work session.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated there are 27 speakers on the public forum. The policy states thirty minutes. Council Member Banks-McLaughlin stated we should be consistent and maintain the 30-minute limit. Discussion ensued about non-residents being allowed to speak before residents during the public forum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
051225

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

DRAFT

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
MAY 27, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D.J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Derrick Thompson (District 6)

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
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
David Steinmetz, Development Services Assistant
Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator
Supervisor
Willie Johnson, Chief Information Officer
Willie Henry, Incoming Chief Information Officer
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 May 27, 2025, meeting.

Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated Mayor Pro Tem Jensen is expected to arrive late. If she is not in attendance for the Consent Agenda, specifically Item 7.0A9 - P25-24: A request to rezone 3.63 acres from CC to CC/CZ for an apartment complex at 6256 & 6270 Yadkin Rd (REID #0409311723000 & 0409219874000) owned by RS & JB, LLC & KEEFE ENTERPRISES INC., Council may approve the Consent Agenda as normal, but if she has arrived, a motion to recuse her from Item 7.0A9 will be required.

Council asked for an explanation on what is being updated in Item 7.0A12 - Adopt Revised Historic Resources Commission Charter. Mr. Craig Harmon, Senior Planner, stated these are the last few changes resulting from the recodification of local planning and redevelopment statutes in Chapter 160D and an update to match a previous change for what is considered a quorum. Council Member Banks-McLaughlin asked how much the Historic Resource Commission budget is. Mr. Harmon stated that part has not changed, and they are only allotted funds every once in a while, when a project requires funds.

Council Member Hondros asked who on staff is ICMA certified for Item 7.0A13 - Authorization to Apply for ICMA Economic Mobility and Opportunity Special Assistants (EMO SA) Grant. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated, Assistant City Manager Jeffrey Yates and himself are certified, and Assistant City Manager Adam Lindsay is working on

his certification.

Mr. Harmon stated there has been a request to pull Item 8.01 - P25-13: Notice of Appeal of a request to rezone from SF-10 to LC at 549 Stacy Weaver Drive (REID #0530028255000, and a portion of 0530120415000) owned by Paul Thompson Development Corp. (Appeal of a Zoning Commission Denial) at the request of the applicant and it be moved to the June 9, 2025, Regular Council meeting. Discussion ensued.

Council Member McNair asked if Item 7.0A10 - Uninhabitable Structures: Demolition Recommendations, 6438 Applecross Avenue, is one unit. Mr. Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Supervisor, stated it is one building but multiple units.

Dr. Gerald Newton stated the applicant for Item 9.01 - SUP25-03: Special Use Permit request to reduce the separation requirement for an Automotive Wrecker Service in a CC Zoning District at 3003, 3005, 3009 MURCHISON RD (REID# 0428597115000, 0428596376000, 0428597350000) owned by Ali Abdo, CITY PROPERTY LLC.SUP25-03 is out of the country and has requested the item be moved to the June 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Council Member Hondros stated he will have a presentation and supporting documents for Council on the dais regarding Item 10.02 - Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Council Committee Biannual Report.

Council Member Benavente asked Dr. Hewett about the task force that is reviewing Item 10.03 - Adopt Youth Protection Safety Ordinance, and what is the process. Dr. Hewett stated the plans are not finalized at the moment, but will be presented at the June 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager, provided an overview on implementation, youth programming, crime stoppers, a review of Charlotte's ordinance, Special Event Bag Policy, and the Police Department technology components. Ms. Pulliam stated Council can choose their effective date, but it is currently set for today. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Benavente requested Item 11.01 - Temporary Use Standards for Special Events (30-4.E.7) be moved to a work session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
052725

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 9, 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 5:36 p.m.); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (arrived at 5:46 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Member D.J. Haire (District 4); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

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
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Kimberly Leonard, Budget & Evaluation Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic
Development Corporation 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 June 9, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Hondros stated both the listing and selling agents for Item 9.01 - P25-13: Notice of Appeal of a request to rezone from SF-10 to LC at 549 Stacy Weaver Drive (REID #0530028255000, and a portion of 0530120415000) owned by Paul Thompson Development Corp. (Appeal of a Zoning Commission Denial are from his firm and asked if he would need to be recused. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated since he does not have a financial gain he will not need to recuse himself.

Council Member Greene requested an explanation of the review process for grant awardees in Item 9.01 - Public Hearing to Award Round 1 Can Do Performance Financing Program Funding. Discussion ensued. Mr. Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation President & CEO, stated background checks are completed to include a review of information on the Secretary of State's website, a credit report is pulled, and a review of possible lawsuits is completed.

Council Member Thompson asked for clarification on budget items in Item 10.02 - Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance, the FY 2025-2026 Fee Schedule, FY 2025-2026 Capital Project Ordinances, Special Project Ordinances, Amendments, and Close-Outs. Council Member Benavente requested that Item 10.02 and 10.03 - Youth Protection Safety Ordinance - Implementation Strategy be reversed so that Council can hear the implementation strategy and verify if any additional funding is needed before the budget item. Discussion

ensued.

Council Member Benavente stated he would like to request an extension of the time for the public forum in order to allow everyone to speak. Council Member Davis requested the City Council Policies Review Committee discuss the possibility of a policy requiring a public hearing for all ordinances.

Ms. Pulliam stated Item 10.01 - Proposed Nuisance Party Ordinance is presented tonight for the second reading and per the City Code, Section 2-4, subsection F, when a second reading is required by law for passage of an item, there shall be no debate on the second reading.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
060925

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 23, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (arrived at 6:00 p.m.);

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3) (arrived at 6:00 p.m.); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members D.J. Haire (District 4); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

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
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Kimberly Leonard, Budget & Evaluation Director
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
John Jones, OCS Director
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator
Supervisor
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Deonte Watson, Airport Deputy Director
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Tim Smith, PWC Counsel
Lexi Hasapis, PWC Community Relations Associate
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the June 23, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Thompson asked if Item 7.0A8 - Approve P25-29: A request to rezone 3546 Braddy Road (9484789568000), consisting of 1.15 acres and owned by House Project LLC, from Agricultural Residential (AR) to Single Family Residential 15 (SF-15), already has water and sewage. Dr. Gerald Newton, Development Services Director stated they will be on septic and well as water and sewer is not out in that area yet.

Council Member Thompson how the tenant increases were determined for Item 7.0A21 - Approve FY26 Airport Residential Tenant(s) Fair Market Value Rent Adjustments. Ms. Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager stated a rental appraisal was done on all the properties to verify what the appraisals were then the rate was reduced by 10 percent due to Airport noise.

Council Member Thompson requested clarification on Item 7.0A25 - Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2025-54 to Clarify Funding Source for Payment-In-Lieu-Of Resurfacing Revenue. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager stated it was listed in error coming from the General Fund and was always intended to come from the in-

lieu-of funds and this is a cleanup to that appropriation.

Ms. Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager stated recently there was an addition to the Hurricane Helene Relief Bill in the State Senate that put back in the provision to exclude municipalities with a population of 150,000 and over from Powell Bill funding. It went to Committee this afternoon and is going to the House tonight. The lobbyists are there, and the resolution has been resent to the Cumberland County Delegation. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Thompson requested clarity of Item 10.01 - PWC - Determination of Utility Assessment Appeal - 8038 King Road. Mr. Tim Smith, PWC Legal Counsel stated construction had been completed already and the owner knew about it for over six months. At the time of confirmation, the parcels were not combined, he had combined the two parcels into one in December. He can only be assessed at the time of confirmation which at the time it was one, but he was assessed for two and the owner failed to object at the public hearing. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Hondros stated he plans to pull Item 10.02 - TA25-02. Proposed amendments to Article 30 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the City Code covering sidewalk exemptions during development to remand back to staff for further work. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin asked what prompted Item 10.03 - Bicycle Lane Ordinance Clarifications and Recommendations to come back. He did not realize that at the last meeting the outcome was taking bicycle lanes out of neighborhoods. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated it was clarifying the ordinance enforcement in response to a council member request months ago. The clarification was presented at the June Work Session; the reason it was added as Other Items of Business instead of Consent is because there was not unanimous consensus at the Work Session. Discussion ensued and Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager stated it could be referred to the August Work Session.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council member Davis moved to go into closed session for attorney client privilege matters to discuss *Lee v. City, City v. Mohammad*, and a personnel matter
SECOND: Council Member Benavente
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)

The regular session was recessed at 6:21 p.m. The meeting session reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to come out of closed session.
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
062325

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
AUGUST 11, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:40 p.m.); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members D.J. Haire (District 4)

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
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer
David Steinmetz, Development Services Assistant
Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning and Analytics Manager
Brook Redding, Assistant to the City Manager
John Jones, OCS Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development
Director
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 August 11, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Colvin recognized there were 19 speakers for the Public Forum. Council Member Benavente stated he will request adding time to allow all residents to be heard.

Council Member Benavente stated he intends to pull 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. for a public hearing. Council Member Hondros stated he is in disagreement to move it towards a public hearing, because the applicant pulled their initial request to impose conditions on themselves to address resident concerns. Discussion ensued. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated residents want to pull the item for a public hearing and asked Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney if the buyer can appeal for the permit if Council denies it. Ms. Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney, stated they cannot appeal it based on Council being against, but that there was something wrong with the processes or a constitutional basis.

Council Member Thompson requested Mr. Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director explain Item 8.0A13 - Authorize West Cumberland Apartments, Phase 2, Affordable Housing Loan. Mr. Cauley stated there is currently \$3 million available in HOME funding, and \$2 million has been committed to projects with \$1

million still available that will be committed to the West Cumberland Apartments Phase 2 project. There is an upcoming housing tax credit with \$650,000.00 allocated for that project and \$400,000.00 for affordable housing on City lots. In the last twelve (12) months there have been 27 brand new homeowners through the Homebuyer HEROS program. There are plans to come to Council in the fall to discuss the affordable housing study from 2020 and the census market data. Mr. Cauley stated he plans to contract for a market demand study on housing for single family and rental homes.

Ms. Pulliam stated PWC has requested to walk on an annexation item, therefore, the agenda will need to be amended to add the item during the approval of the agenda. It would be Item 8.0A28 and will need a super majority to add it to the agenda. This is regarding the solar farm on Carver Falls. Council would adopt a resolution to annex and set the public hearing for August 25, 2025. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager stated PWC's project needs to have groundbreaking before the end of September and there are federal funds attached to it. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Banks McLaughlin stated she plans to pull 8.0A14 - Acceptance of Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Grant Offer for recognition of the academy.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 to consult with the attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to discuss a personnel matter
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to come out of closed session
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
081125

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
AUGUST 25, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:38 p.m.); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (arrived at 5:51 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: D.J. Haire (District 4)

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
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Director
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Sheila Thomas- Ambat, Public Services Director
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner
Albert Baker, Economic & Community Development
Assistant Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

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

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(3)(5) for attorney-client privilege and land acquisition
SECOND: Council Member Greene
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to come out of closed session
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The meeting reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the August 25, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Benavente stated last Thursday he made a request for a comparison of the Juvenile records and how it is trending be presented in Item 8.01 - Receive the Fayetteville Police Department 2025 Second Quarter Review. Mr. Roberto Bryan, Police Chief, stated last quarter, there was a question regarding petitions, and a request to have the same information. The Department of Juvenile Justice referred them back to the County and was told that the information could not be provided, as all the data for the County is combined.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Hondros asked if all the public hearings are still on for tonight. Ms. Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk, stated that the Clerk's Office received an email from the applicant of Item 9.01 - Approve P25-30: A request to rezone 2211 Rosehill Road (0438470005000), consisting of 21.27 acres and owned by Cross Creek Refuse LLC, from Single Family Residential 6 (SF-6) to Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5) to table the hearing due to a medical emergency. Council Member Davis asked if there can be a time requirement that applicants are allowed to table.

Council Member Hondros requested an explanation on how the land use map is reviewed for rezonings and how the land use map is developed. Dr. Gerald Newton, Development Services Director, explained the process of adopting a land use plan that generally takes up to a year, includes community meetings, public hearings, and review by the Planning Commission and City Council. Dr. Newton stated that the current land use map, along with its associated text, is available online.

Council Member Benavente asked if applicants automatically get to speak or not. Dr. Newton stated they are required to sign up to speak.

Discussion ensued regarding tabling public hearings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
082525

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**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
090825

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**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
092225

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
OCTOBER 13, 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); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

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
Roberto Bryan, Police Chief
Todd Joyce, Assistant Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Brian McGill, Public Services Assistant Director
Albert Baker, Economic & Community Development Assistant Director
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Angelica McDonald, Assistant City Attorney
Jacqueline Abbott, Community Resources Manager
Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning and Analytics Manager
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Council Member Haire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the October 13, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated she will recognize Breast Cancer Awareness month during the announcements and recognitions.

Council Member Haire asked how responding to public records requests can be sped up. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated there have been a few significant issues, but it is being addressed. A portion is being moved from Marketing & Communications to the City Clerk's Office, along with resources, and staff are currently reviewing the process through a Strategic Planning & Analytics project. Ms. Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager, stated about 95 percent (%) of requests are filled within a few days, but there are some unique ones that take a large amount of time due to their complexity, cross-department collaboration, and legal review. A team has been convened to review associated staffing, processes, and technology; map the current and future process to identify gaps and ways to improve efficiency, oversight, and responsiveness; and complete a peer city review of best practices. Staff are working on communicating with requesters of large, complex requests to explain the length and request clarifications to narrow the criteria. Mayor Colvin stated the issue with the length of time to fulfill requests is heard a lot, and requested a matrix that shows 98% are filled within a few days, so that way Council can be an advocate. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, introduced Ms. Angelica McDonald and Ms. Victoria Curtis, the new Assistant City Attorneys. Ms. Pulliam stated the City Attorney's Office is still recruiting for a police attorney and another assistant attorney.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to enter into closed session for 143.18.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege and discuss *Joerail Lee Little v. City of Fayetteville*
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to come out of closed session.
SECOND: Council Member Benavente
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
101325

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

From: Mario Benavente <MarioBenavente@FayettevilleNC.Gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:06 PM
To: Wilson, Kristina M <wilson@sog.unc.edu>
Cc: Lachelle H. Pulliam <LachellePulliam@FayettevilleNC.gov>; Doug Hewett <DougHewett@FayettevilleNC.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Fayetteville City Council - Improper Vote

Greetings,

They are meant to be public, but the public can not access the third floor freely without a employee pass card. Sometimes press makes there way up, but I wouldn't call the dinner meetings truly public.

I objected to the motion as improper because it circumvents the 2/3's requirement amend the agenda. So an objection was definitely made, per my inquiry to the city attorney. The issue we need SOG's help on is that our city attorney said amending the agenda was not necessary, which is what I believe is improper.

Because it was indeed an improper motion (not being on the agenda and no motion to amend the agenda) and with a timely objection...what action can be taken to prevent the improper action of canceling a work session and rescheduling it?

Thank you,



Mario Benavente

Council Member

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Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:07 PM
To: Mario Benavente <MarioBenavente@FayettevilleNC.Gov>
Cc: Lachelle H. Pulliam <LachellePulliam@FayettevilleNC.gov>; Doug Hewett <DougHewett@FayettevilleNC.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Fayetteville City Council - Improper Vote

Good afternoon, Council Member Benavente,

I hope you're well. If a majority of the board is present at these dinner meetings, and they are discussing public business (such as reviewing the agenda), then that is an official meeting of a public body under G.S. 143-318.10(b) and (d). Under subsection (a) of that same statute, such meetings should be noticed and open to the public with minutes taken. Of course, I'm opining from my ivory tower and am not there on the local level. It's possible I'm missing some important detail. I defer to your town attorney if her interpretation differs from mine, but I would tend to think these meetings must be open to the public.

If these meetings appear on a regular meeting schedule, they are regular meetings under G.S. 143-318.12(a). There are few restrictions on actions during regular meetings. If the motion you describe was not on the agenda for the dinner meeting, technically a board member should've motioned to amend the agenda before proceeding straight to this motion. However, if no one objected at the time, and the motion passed by majority, it is enforceable. (Though again, if a court agreed with me that these meetings should be public, it could invalidate any action taken in a dinner meeting upon request).

I'm happy to discuss these points further.

Best,

Kristina M. Wilson

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Subject: Fayetteville City Council - Improper Vote

Greetings,

I am concerned about a vote that was taken this evening 10/27/25 during a 5:30PM "dinner meeting" that occurs prior to a 6:30PM regular city council meeting in a private meeting room.

Typically, our dinner meeting is just an opportunity to review the regular city council meeting agenda that would be presented and worked through in public in city hall chambers. There are times that we go into closed session during the 'dinner meeting' if there are privileged legal/personnel related matters.

A discussion about moving a regularly scheduled work session meeting set for 11/3/25 to 11/10/25 was made into a motion, and my concern was that this was not in order because that topic was not on our regular city council agenda. To be in order, the agenda would need to be amended so that topic could be added and then discussed/voted upon in public view during the regular meeting at 6:30PM.

This was particularly concerning because 1. A council member who was planned to participate virtually at the 6:30PM regular meeting, and was present during the regular meeting, was not able to participate during the dinner meeting; 2. This makes any future need for 2/3 majority to amend the agenda totally irrelevant, if 6 of 10 can do in a dinner meeting anything they want to avoid needing 7 of 10.

When I expressed my concern with this to our city attorney during the dinner meeting, she did not agree with my concern. Attorney Pulliam is cc'd on here to clarify if I am not being accurate, but the gist of her position was that the council had voted previously on matters not on the regular meeting agenda during dinner meetings. When I asked for even a single example that happened during an open session of a dinner meeting, none could be provided.

If we can get some guidance on whether any vote on any topic can be made during dinner meetings to avoid public discussion/scrutiny and to avoid a supermajority requirement of amending the agenda, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,



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City Council Action Memo

File Number: 25-5013

Agenda Date: 11/10/2025

Version: 1

Status: Agenda Ready

In Control: City Council Work Session

File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.05

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

FROM: Mayor Mitch Colvin

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:
Disclose City Council Conflict of Interest Forms

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

All

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal VI: The City of Fayetteville will continue to have a collaborative citizen and business engagement base.

Executive Summary:

Request City Council approve the disclosure of their annual conflict of interest forms for the years 2024 and 2025.

Background:

Issues/Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Options:

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request Form

City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: 11/3/25 **Requester:** Mayor Colvin

Agenda Item Title: Disclose City Council Conflict of Interest Forms

Estimated Cost: 0 **Anticipated Funding Source:** 0

City Department(s) Support Requested: Internal Audit

Estimated Staff Time Required: _____

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: November 10, 2025

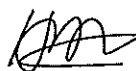
Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

Goal VI: The City of Fayetteville will continue to have a collaborative citizen and business engagement base.

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Request City Council approve the disclosure of their annual conflict of interest forms for the years 2024 and 2025.

Additional Comments:





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City Council Action Memo

File Number: 25-5021

Agenda Date: 11/10/2025

Version: 2

Status: Agenda Ready

In Control: City Council Work Session

File Type: Other Items of
Business

Agenda Number: 6.06

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU:

FROM: Council Members Mario Benavente & Malik Davis

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE:

City Council Agenda Item Request - Arts Council Alleyway Improvement - Council Members Benavente and Davis

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

2

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal I Safe and Secure Community

Goal II Diverse and Viable Economy

Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

Executive Summary:

Prioritize alleyway to the right of Arts Council improvements. Establish a plan, funding source, and partnership options.

Background:

Issues/Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Options:

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Request



City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: 11/3/25 Requester: Mario Benavente + Malik Davis

Agenda Item Title: Arts Council Alleyway Improvement

Estimated Cost: TBD Anticipated Funding Source: TBD

City Department(s) Support Requested: City manager's office

Estimated Staff Time Required: 1 HRS

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: Nov 10 2025

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

Goal I Safe and Secure Community

Goal II Diverse and Viable Economy

Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Prioritize alleyway to the right of Arts Council improvements. Establish a plan, funding source, and partnership options.

Additional Comments: