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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
MARCH 23, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (arrived 5:32 p.m.);

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (arrived at 5:36 p.m.); Shaun McMillan (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

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

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Michael Gibson, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Daniel Edwards, Public Services Deputy Director  
David Steinmetz, Development Services Assistant Director  
Deonte Watson, Assistant Airport Director  
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Service Director  
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director  
Christopher Williams, Management Analyst  
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner  
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager  
David Scott, Public Relations Manager  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

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

Mayor Pro Tem asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the March 23, 2026, meeting.

Council Member Hondros requested clarification on Item 7.0A6 – Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a ten-year contract with GFL for the operation of the City's Transfer Station. Mr. Daniel Edwards, Public Services Assistant Director, stated the City owns a transfer station that is leased to GFL for the last 15 years. The contract ended last September, while the City was reviewing options. The City decided to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the management of the transfer station and GFL was chosen. Discussion ensued.

Council Member McMillan requested clarification on Item 7.0A5 – Consider Resolution Accepting Donation of Property on Rogers Drive. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the City needed an easement on the property to complete a project in the area, however, the owner only wanted to donate the land in its entirety. After completing due diligence, staff has reservations about accepting the unbuildable land. Council Member McMillan stated he plans to pull the item for discussion. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin requested clarification on Item 7.0A7 – Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the apparent lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Group III Management for the McArthur Road Sports Field Complex project in the total amount of \$13,663,000.00. Dr. Hewett stated based on third party estimates the project was expected to cost over \$20 million, and Council authorized staff to go up to \$22 million. When the bond was passed in 2016, there were no sites identified for any projects. This project is tied to a 50-year lease with Fort Bragg, and it took over 18 months to get an amendment back from the Corps of Engineers and Fort Bragg. This item is specific to construction and the lights will come separately, which are expected to cost \$2.8 million. The total cost of the project is expected to cost between \$18-19 million. Staff expect construction to take 1 year once the timber is cut by Fort Bragg. Mayor Colvin stated he plans to pull the item for discussion.

Mayor Colvin asked what prompted Item 7.0A9 – Approve Commercial Airline Use Agreements and Authorize City Manager to Execute Contracts. Mr. Andrew LaGala, Airport

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Director stated it is a standard airline agreement and is on the agenda because the current one is expiring. Mayor Colvin stated he plans to pull this item for discussion.

Mayor Colvin stated someone from PWC will be in attendance tonight to present the PWC hearings. He stated he plans to ask how many people are connecting to services after the trunk lines have been laid. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of PWC or the City to compel people to tie into services. Discussion ensued. Dr. Hewett stated there is no action required for the PWC hearings tonight.

Council Member Ferguson asked about the deadline for Safe Space Activation grant under Item 10.01 – Receive the Office of Community Safety Quarterly Update. Mr. John Jones, Office of Community Safety (OCS) Director, stated the original deadline was March 12, 2026, however, to ensure the residents were fully aware of the opportunity, as well as weather delays, the deadline was moved to March 18, 2026. Council Member McNair asked if financial literacy is also included in OCS programs. Mr. Jones stated OCS has partnerships with PNC Bank and MoneyBox to hold financial literacy programs during Youth Night Out events.

Council Member Hondros requested clarification on Item 11.01 – Fountainworks – FY27 Fayetteville City Council Strategic Planning Retreat Debrief. Mr. Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning and Analytics Manager, stated Fountainworks will be attending via TEAMS to present the debrief, to solidify Council's priorities, which will then be used by staff to create action plans to address the priorities. Staff will then come back in mid-April to present the action plans tied to the priorities and with final approval of the full strategic plan will take place mid-year.

Council Member McNair stated she would like to move Item 12.02 – PSA Campaign Options for Firearm Safety and Responsible Gun Storage to a work session. Mayor Colvin stated he would like to move Item 12.01 – Senior Technology Literacy Initiative to a work session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
City Clerk  
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Mayor