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FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION OF JUNE 4, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 11, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (departed at 12:40 p.m.)

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3) (arrived at 10:24 a.m.); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (departed at 12:08 p.m.); Shaun McMillan (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present:
Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Michael Gibson, Interim Assistant City Manager
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer
Tyffany Neal, Transit Director
Rose Rasmussen, Internal Audit Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
Taylor Floyd, Budget and Evaluation Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Director
Byron Reeves, Deputy Public Services Director
Brian McGill, Public Services Assistant Director
Michele Brooks, Interim Budget Director
David Scott, Communications Manager
Andrew Mansell, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Kimberly Toon, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Amanda Mott, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

This is the continuation of the June 4, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.

1.0 RECONVENE THE JUNE 4, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Colvin reconvened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. and Council Member Ferguson offered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and City Council.

2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2.1 Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget Discussion

Mayor Colvin stated this is the continuation of the June 4, 2026, meeting and stated the goal is to continue to work through the budget to include the parking lot list and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. Mayor Colvin stated projects in the parking lot should fit within one of the five strategic priorities to help prioritize each category and create a fair way to determine what initiatives receive funding. Mayor Colvin reviewed the potential savings in vacancies, close-out projects, CIP projects, and the contract for the Stadium View project. Discussion ensued.

Consensus of City Council was a budget with no tax increase. Council Members Ferguson, Greene, and McMillan were opposed to the consensus motion.

Discussion ensued regarding which one-cent and two-cent tax increase projects would be removed without a tax increase, recurring and one-time projects, vacancy savings, cost of living, salaries, 401k, catalyst site one, reallocated capital funding from closed-out projects, fleet maintenance, current CIP debt, subsidized parking, transfers to the transit fund, infrastructure maintenance, project lifecycles, sidewalks, street and intersection improvement projects.

Mayor Colvin recessed the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Mayor Colvin reconvened the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to excuse Council Member McNair.
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

City Council completed an exercise reviewing which items should be funded from the one and two cent tax increase list.

Discussion ensued regarding how to review the one-cent and two-cent tax increase funding list versus the parking lot funding list.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to excuse Mayor Colvin.
SECOND: Council Member Ferguson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the revenues do not support the vital services. The recommended one-cent and two-cent tax increases are needed, but a lower priority than the core needs of the departments. If there is no tax increase, the base budget will need to be adjusted.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding needs and requirements for the Stadium View project. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated Mr. Flotz met with members of staff and indicated that he would not need the full $5.7 million in the upcoming fiscal year, and will need it in 12 to 18 months. There may be some funding needed this coming fiscal year to complete restoration work. Additionally, Mr. Flotz is anticipating a loan from the City as part of the financial stack for the project. Once the City issues the loan commitment letter, a loan agreement will follow, and we are currently waiting on Mr. Flotz.

Consensus of City Council was to remove the Makers Space project, stormwater improvements , and the parking lot infrastructure updates, for a total of $450,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027. Council Member Ferguson was opposed to the consensus motion.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of City Council was to recess the meeting until Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lafayette Conference Room.

The meeting recessed at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE	MITCH COLVIN
City Clerk	Mayor
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