

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 8, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); 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
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
David Scott, Communications Manager
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Andrew Mansell, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation Director
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Pastor Roger Paschall, Cliffdale Community Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated June is Gun Violence Awareness Month and reminded everyone to wear orange.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, there will be another Doug in the District at Dorothy Gilmore Therapeutic Center, 1600 Purdue Drive, Fayetteville, NC, at 5:30 p.m.

The Juneteenth Jubilee will be hosted by the Cool Spring Downtown District on Friday, June 19th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Festival Park, with artists Misha Fair and headliner Kirby.

At the most recent public forum, several staff members presented concerns regarding traffic control. Mr. Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief, stated many of the issues raised by the Traffic Control Officers (TCO) were issues that had already been raised through their chain of command and many of the recommendations were being pulled together, such as the school zone cameras. It is a process that is required to be approved through the state with implementation expected in January. There has been a lot of enforcement throughout the City and there have been over 1500 citations issued since the beginning of the school year. The school zone lights are being addressed with Cumberland County Schools (CCS). Some lights are managed by TCOs and others are timed and managed by CCS. The issue raised that

Seventy-First High School potentially needing a fence on Raeford Road will need to be addressed by CCS.

Discussion ensued.

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to move Item 7.0A3 to the June 22, 2026, City Council regular meeting and Item 7.0A6 to the June 11, 2026, City Council Reconvened Special Meeting

SECOND: Council Member Ferguson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Ms. Pulliam stated the motion to reconsider the data center moratorium is required because of the 120-day stay on a moratorium.

MOTION: Council Member McMillan moved to add an item 11.01A to reconsider a public hearing for a moratorium

Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member McMillan moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 7.0A4

SECOND: Council Member Greene

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April 27, 2026 – Discussion of Agenda Items

April 27, 2026 – Regular

May 20, 2026 – Agenda Briefing

May 21, 2026 – Budget Work Session

May 26, 2026 – Discussion of Agenda Items

May 26, 2026 – Regular

City Council approved the six draft meeting minutes.

7.0A2 Approve Changes to the December Meeting Schedule

City Council moved to cancel the December 7, 2026, Work Session and December 14, 2026, Regular Meeting and call a Special Meeting for December 7, 2026 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

7.0A3 PULLED TO THE JUNE 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

7.0A4 PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

7.0A5 Adopt Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Permanent and Temporary Easements on Property Needed for the Eastwood Avenue Sidewalk Project

City Council moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the condemnation of permanent and temporary easements on property needed for the Eastwood Avenue Sidewalk Project. The Eastwood Avenue sidewalk project is a voter-approved, GO-Bond funded infrastructure initiative that involves the construction and installation of approximately 5,700 linear feet of new sidewalk along both sides of Eastwood Avenue, spanning the full length from Ramsey Street to Rivercliff Road. The estimated cost of construction for the project is \$460,000.00.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS ON PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR THE EASTWOOD AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-031

7.0A6 MOVED TO THE JUNE 4, 2026, RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 11, 2026.

7.0A7 Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Two Year Contract Extension with Waste Management

City Council approved authorizing the City Manager to execute a two-year contract extension with Waste Management for recycling cart collection services at an approximate annual cost of \$2,548,089.36 for household recycling collection and recycling cart collection services for City-owned facilities at a rate of \$5.00 per cart per month for once-per-week service and \$10.05 per cart per month for twice-per-week service.

7.0A8 Accept HOME Program HUD Findings and Authorize Voluntary Grant Reduction

City Council approved the voluntary reduction of future HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding totaling \$321,446.21, subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval, to resolve two legacy HOME findings requiring corrective financial action, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager, as appropriate, to execute all necessary documentation.

7.0A9 Approval of Single Family Housing Development Loan for Kingdom CDC's Rosehill Road Project

City Council authorized a loan commitment letter and subsequent loan documents in an amount not to exceed \$430,000.00 from the City of Fayetteville General Obligation Bond - Housing Opportunity (Housing Opportunity Bond) allocated for housing to the proposed Rosehill Road Development.

7.0A10 PWC – Approve Sole Source Request – Purchase Specific Water Meters

City Council approved the sole source request to purchase specific water meters, identified as 5/8 X 3/4 IPERL + 10 USG TRPL CUSTOM, 520M-F1-TC-X-E-MI 1P PIT W-ID/LD, 1-1/2 R2 CHMBR CUST 20' TRPL, 3" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20' TRPL, 4" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20" TRPL, and 8" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20" TRPL manufactured by Sensus USA, Inc. from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$333,354.28 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

7.0A11 PWC – Approve Recommendation to Reject All Bids for – Inventory – BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles

City Council approved the recommendation to reject all bids for Inventory - BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles.

7.0A12 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – Inventory – BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles

City Council approved the purchase award for Inventory - BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles to Nucor Towers & Structures Inc, Rock Hill, SC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$4,124,316.95.

7.0A13 PWC – Approve Phase 5 Annexation Area 26 – Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments

City Council adopted the resolution confirming the assessment roll and levying assessments for Area 26 of the Phase 5 Annexation. The sanitary sewer assessment rate for single family residential lots is recommended at \$5,000, which includes both the main and lateral charges. For non-single family residential properties in Area 26, a per front foot rate of \$55.56 with a 90-foot minimum plus the area average lateral charge of \$4,642 is recommended.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR AREA 26 OF THE PHASE 5 ANNEXATION. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-032

7.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

7.0B4 Approve Standardization of Peer City Analysis

Council Member McMillan requested clarification on if staff are able to look at additional cities and not just the ten (10) recommended peer cities within North Carolina. Where applicable, staff will review additional national sources.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to approve the standardization of peer city analysis.
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8.01 Receive the Stormwater Advisory Board Annual Report

Mr. Byron Reeves, Deputy Public Services Director, introduced Mr. Whitaker Grannis, Stormwater Advisory Board (SWAB) Chair. Mr. Grannis presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated SWAB is a citizen board made up of nine (9) members that may serve two consecutive terms for a total of four years. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

SWAB serves as the Public Involvement Mechanism required by the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The history of the Stormwater Program was presented. They focus on quality and quantity, such as Capital Improvement Programs, Drainage Assistance Programs, and Watershed Studies.

SWAB was established in 2009. Per the City Ordinance, the purpose of the SWAB is to provide guidance and advice to the City Council pertaining to the stormwater management program, including, but not limited to, program activities, functions, systems, management and funding. The SWAB shall have the powers and duty to act in all matters relating to the administrative review of any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the stormwater manager or other administrative official.

Since its inception, the Stormwater Advisory Board has performed a variety of roles. Throughout the board's existence, it has heard numerous Notice of Violation appeals pertaining to illicit discharges and improper disposals to the storm sewer system, reviewed and approved eligible Drainage Assistance projects, given Council recommendations on stormwater utility fee increases, provided feedback and made recommendations to Council on the Ordinance. The board has also provided feedback to staff regarding program implementation throughout the years. The board recently had their very first appeal regarding a Notice of Violation issued under the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance and the violation was upheld.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Jones moved to receive the Stormwater Advisory Board Annual Report
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.02 Receive the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Annual Report

Ms. Jackie Washington-Brown, Chair of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, presented this item. Ms. Washington-Brown stated the Commission is working to increase senior engagement by hosting four (4) community forums and distributing quarterly newsletters.

The Commission is currently developing a Complete Senior Citizens Needs and Assessment Survey. Once it has been released, and responses received, the Commission will provide recommendations to Council on ways to better assist senior citizens.

Accomplishments include the creation of an informational flyer that includes resources, the creation of an active Facebook page, supported the Mid-Carolina Senior Games, and formed partnerships with Mid-Carolina Regional Council.

The Commission is made up of thirteen members that meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bill Crisp Senior Center, 7560 Raeford Road, at 2:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to receive the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Annual Report.

SECOND: Council Member Ferguson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.01 Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution and Order to Permanently Close a Portion of Fargo Drive

Ms. Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the City received a petition from Cape Fear Valley Hospital Systems to permanently close approximately 9,312.80 square feet of Fargo Drive to further develop surrounding property. The portion of Fargo Drive has never been constructed or opened as a public right of way. The property was posted on each side, notices were sent to the adjacent property owners and a legal notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks. Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Police were notified, and no issues were reported. A utility easement will be reserved over the closed portion of the street to enable utilities to remain.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time; the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Jimmy Kizer, 115 Broadfoot Road, Fayetteville, NC spoke in favor of this item.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA PERMANENTLY CLOSING A PORTION OF FARGO DRIVE. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-033

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to adopt the resolution and order to permanently close a portion of Fargo Drive

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.02 Project Odesa Public Hearing

Mr. Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation President and CEO, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated this is the United States arm of a Ukrainian Company who is looking to relocate their U.S. headquarters and establish their first manufacturing production facility. The company began in Ukraine twenty years ago as a fixed wing manufacturing company. The product is used for data, images, radio linking, and creating airborne Wi-Fi networks. The skills necessary for the jobs are skilled but accessible to students at Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) and individuals leaving the military. The product will not be exported. The company has spoken with FTCC. Fayetteville is competing against locations in Oklahoma and Nevada.

The proposed location is at 223 Dedication Drive and is 28,479 square feet. The property is currently zoned Heavy Industrial. There would be no changes required to the property.

The project would invest \$3.4 million in real and personal property, generate approximately \$132,017.00 in new tax revenue over ten years, create 162 new jobs with the lowest salary of \$50,000.00 and an average salary of \$70,759.00, and add \$11.4 million in annual payroll. If they do not meet the requirements of the contract, the funds are withheld.

The State of North Carolina is considering the project for discretionary grants and requesting a local match. The City would provide a \$750.00 per job incentive paid in installments after the jobs are created with the City grant totaling \$121,500.00. A similar request has been asked of Cumberland County. If both the City and County approve the incentives, the company would receive a total grant of \$243,000.00. If the company does not maintain the jobs, there will be a claw-back agreement in place.

Mr. Van Geons stated we can put in actions the company has to take, but part of the grant will include training at FTCC for machining aluminum. They can commit to holding job fairs

and internship programs, but ultimately the prospective employee must have the required skill sets.

Mr. Van Geons stated innovation around defense and emerging technologies are part of the strategy for economic development and something to grow and incubate as the next generation of evolutionary technologies.

Discussion ensued.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time; the public hearing was opened.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the requested incentive grant to be paid on a pro-rata basis in three installments as presented for Project Odesa

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

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

10.0 EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

10.01 Decision on SUP26-02 Evidentiary Hearing for a Special Use Permit to allow for Salvage or Junkyard at 610 E Russell Street (0437915580000) owned by Russell Street, LLC.

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to approve the special use permit with the proposed conditions: Condition 1- the salvage yard shall be in compliance with all applicable standards, conditions, and specifications of the UDO and state and federal law at the time of development. Condition 2- the property owner shall install a new six-foot tall screening berm along Russell Street inside the front fence line and evergreen screen trees shall be planted along the top plateau of the berm that will grow to a height of four-to-five feet. Condition 3- property owner shall maintain existing fence surrounding the salvage yard and enhance the existing fence to a solid opaque with privacy screen. Finding 1 - The special use complies with all applicable standards, conditions, and specifications in this Ordinance, including in Section 30-4.C, Use-Specific Standards, the proposed salvage yard is a permitted use in Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning district with a special use permit as heard in the testimony on May 26, 2026, from the applicant and their team. Finding 2 - The special use will be in harmony with the area in which it is located, because the proposed salvage yard will be located in an area with other commercial and industrial uses; Finding 3 - The special use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plans as submitted and approved as heard in the testimony on May 26, 2026, because the proposed salvage yard will fully comply with all relevant environmental standards and regulations to mitigate its impacts and will not accept, process, or handle any toxic chemicals or materials; Finding 4 - The special use is in general conformity with the City's adopted land use plans and policies, because the location and character of the proposed use, if developed according to the plan submitted and testimony given on May 26, 2026, will be in general conformity with the plan of development of Fayetteville's ordinances; Finding 5 - The special use will not substantially injure the value of the abutting land, or the special use is a public necessity, as heard in the testimony on May 26, 2026, because the proposed salvage yard is consistent with other uses in the area and will not cause a decrease in value; and Finding 6 - The special use complies with all other relevant city, state, and federal laws and regulations as the applicant will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

SECOND: Council Member Greene

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Mayor Colvin, Council Member Ferguson, Davis, and Thompson)

11.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

11.01 TA26-01: Request to set a public hearing for the proposed Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Regarding Telecommunications and Data Storage Facilities (Data Centers)

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated this item is before Council for direction on setting a public hearing.

Mayor Colvin stated this item is only to determine if a public hearing will be set and is not for discussing details of the proposed amendments.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member McMillan moved to table the request to set a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding telecommunications and data storage facilities.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Council Member Greene made a friendly amendment to add a date certain.

Council Member McMillan did not accept the friendly amendment.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 4 in favor to 6 in opposition (Mayor Colvin, Council Members Ferguson, Haire, Thompson, McNair, and Hondros)

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to call for a public hearing on August 10, 2026, for the legislative public hearing for the proposed text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Council Member Greene requested a friendly amendment to include receiving information such as the Planning Department's presentation, and subject matter experts, and include a public listening session between now and the public hearing.

Council Member Hondros accepted the friendly amendment.

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Jones and McMillan)

12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Consensus was to send the administrative items to the August Work Session.

12.01 Blanton Road Speed Limit Reduction Request Response

12.02 Code Enforcement Compliance & Environmental Court

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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Mayor

