

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
6:30 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
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Roberto Bryan, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
Loren Bymer, Marketing and Communications Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Deonte Watson, Deputy Airport Director
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Johnathan Best, Barr & Barr
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 Richard Saunders, Jr., of Echo Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Andrew LaGala, Airport Director, provided an overview of the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy which was held on August 4-5, 2025. Ms. Elaina Fillmore, Mr. Derek Zieg, and Mr. Adriel Torres gave brief statements on their experiences while participating in the ACE Academy.

Mayor Colvin recognized Cumberland County District Court Judge Cheri Siler-Mack, who introduced two of her Fayetteville State University Criminal Law.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Police Chief Roberto Bryan, Jr., and Fire Chief Kevin Dove in honor of 9/11 Remembrance Day.

Council Member Davis thanked Deep Creek Road Community Watch, who held a community watch clean-up on Saturday, September 6, 2025. They collected over 5.63 tons of garbage.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin shared that the Economic and Community Development Department is gathering feedback from small local business owners through an assessment survey, available on the

City's website. Business owners are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday, October 3, 2025.

Council Member Benavente stated the Bill Crisp 3rd annual fashion show will be taking place Friday, September 12, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Crisp Senior Center, located at 7560 Raeford Road.

Council Member Benavente announced that Fayetteville State University is hosting a Mayor's Debate on Sunday, September 14, 2:00 p.m. at J.W. Seabrook Auditorium, 1200 Murchison Road. This event will be hosted by the Cumberland County Democrats and Republicans.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated there will be the 2nd Doug in the District on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Harvest Family Church located at 6575 Fisher Road in District 6. This allows for residents to come and engage with the City Manager and senior staff to discuss topics of concern to them.

Dr. Hewett stated on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the Hurley Plaza unveiling will take place in front of Segra Stadium, located at 460 Hay Street.

Dr. Hewett stated Fayetteville Outfront will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced, and it will discuss hiring at the City.

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Jensen

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Joseph Schwab, 3009 Marcus James Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Amplified Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Jelissa Thomas, 100 Hay St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding job creation for justice-involved and recovery-focused workers. And announced a street clean up and Resource Rally.

Ms. Staci Graybill, 108-B Gillespie St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding noise ordinance violations downtown.

Mr. David Zeitz, 2412 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed support of the state of real estate in Fayetteville.

Ms. Tiffany Jones, 2412 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed support of real estate in Fayetteville.

Mr. Adam Furr, 2953 Breezewood Ave., Fayetteville, NC, presented building statistics in Fayetteville.

Ms. Kristen Starks, 100 Twin Acres Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Shotspotter and Public Safety.

Mr. Robert Walls, 1436 Valencia Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Transparency.

Mr. Elijah Wittmeyer-Balthazar, 6482 Pittsfield Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Shotspotter.

Mr. Isaac Lacap, 309 Sylvan Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Ms. Angela Freckleton, 5300 Brower Trail, Hope Mills, NC expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to extend the public forum time to allow the remaining public forum speakers
SECOND: Council Member Banks- McLaughlin
VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition Opposed: Council Member Thompson (Council Member Hondros' vote counted in the affirmative due to unexcused absence)

Mr. Benjamin Hultquist, 801 Rim Rd. Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding density.

Ms. Cynthia Swinson Leeks, 715 Topkea St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Ms. Lisette Rodriguez, 1701 Cherokee Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Mr. Shaun McMillan, 6024 Goldenrain Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding transparency and accountability.

Mr. Cheliko Hurst, 113 Wayside Dr., Parkton, NC, expressed concerns regarding public safety.

8.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 8.0A2, 8.0A4, and 8.0A5
SECOND: Council Member Benavente
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
August 20, 2025 - Agenda Briefing
August 25, 2025 - Discussion of Agenda Items

8.0A2 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B2.

8.0A3 Accept and Appropriate North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police Performance and Wellness Grant Award and Approve the Fund 26 Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance

City Council accepted and appropriated the awarded grant funding for fiscal year 2026 for the Fayetteville Police Department through the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police Performance and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Council is asked to adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2026-7 to appropriate these funds for Performance and Wellness Grant Award. The Fayetteville Police Department will utilize grant funding for software solutions to strengthen teams with increased physically and mentally readiness. Items requested include a Safety & Wellness Suite tool and a Talent Managements Suite used for performance development, team building, training and profiles.

8.0A4 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B4.

8.0A5 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B5.

8.0A6 PWC - Approve Sole Source Recommendation - Ten (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni Device Kits and Ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 Extensions

City Council approved the sole source recommendation to purchase, configure, install, and implement ten (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni device kits and ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 extensions manufactured by

Xylem Sensus in the amount of \$265,000 and authorize the CEO and General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A7 PWC - Approve Bid Recommendation - Three (3) Continuous Rated 67 KV Delta to 13.09 Y/7.56KV with LTC Rated 24/35.8/44.8 MVA Power Transformers at ONAN, ONAF, ONAF

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for three (3) Continuous Rated 67 KV Delta to 13.09 Y/7.56KV with LTC Rated 24/35.8/44.8 MVA Power Transformers at ONAN, ONAF, ONAF to Virginia Transformer Corporation, Roanoke, VA, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$6,650,484.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

8.0B2 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)

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to recuse Council Member Hondros because he represents one of the parties in the action.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to approve the conditional rezoning of the 19.02 acres located on Morganton Road

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

8.0B4 Authorization of a One Year Contract Renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter) at a Cost of \$220,500.00

Discussion ensued regarding the efficacy of ShotSpotter. Mr. Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief, stated the information regarding the accuracy of the sensors at 94 percent versus when evidence is recovered, an incident occurs, or an arrest is made, which is 24 percent of the time. The results are not instantaneous, and some results may come later. It is a process and a tool.

Mr. John Jones, Office of Community Safety (OCS) Director, stated OCS received an annual budget of \$2.4 million. \$1.66 million has been allocated for contracts and services to address the four pillars of OCS: youth programming, behavioral health, community violence intervention, and the unhoused.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to authorize a month-to-month contract renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter).

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to authorize a one-year contract renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter) at a cost of \$220,500.00

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Opposed: Council Members Benavente and Hondros)

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to accept the data-based recommendations to improve the ability to understand the efficacy of the program

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

Council Member Greene requested staff explain the selection process and what it looks like moving forward. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Johnathan Best with Barr & Barr/HORUS, and stated in June, Council authorized City staff to look into alternative delivery methods as part of the ongoing response to sophisticate the construction management delivery in the City. Council directed to utilize an Owner Advisor, Freese & Nichols, to help guide all of the major construction projects. The Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) process starts before the design is finished. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is sent out to receive qualified general contractors to finalize the design and provide a guaranteed maximum price. Four teams submitted qualifications, and three were interviewed. Staff, Freese & Nichols, and the architect were on the selection board. Barr & Barr/HORUS has also offered to provide performance bonds for the pre-construction process, which is not normal or required.

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract for pre-construction activities with Barr & Barr/HORUS Construction, not to exceed \$400,000.00.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente's vote counted in the affirmative due to an unexcused absence)

Council Member Haire presented this item and stated the Appointment Committee met on August 27, 2025, to review applications for appointments to Boards and Commissions. It is from that meeting the Appointment Committee presents the recommendations for appointments to the City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions.

The Appointment Committee consists of the following members: Mayor Colvin, Mayor Pro Tem Jensen, Council Member Haire (Chair), Council Member Thompson, and Council Member Hondros.

The Appointment Committee recommended the following individuals:

Paul Hinson October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Partial

Keith Bates, Jr. October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028

Cindy Graham October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Partial

Sandy Pickard	October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028
VACANT	October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Austin Kinlaw	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027 Partial
Charles Jones	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Partial
Alternate	
Harry Bennett	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027 Partial
William Bales	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2028 Partial
William Wesley	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2028 Partial

Economic Development Board

Kathryn Cox November 30, 2025 - November 30, 2028

Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT)

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

Fair Housing Board

Elisabeth Cerrato October 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026 Partial

Fayetteville NEXT Commission

Andrew Ridgeway October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027 Alternate

Ashley Wyatt October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Dymond Spain October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Jospeh Quigg V October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027 Alternate

Sherita Fleming October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026 Partial

Alternate

Historic Resources Commission

Brian Vesely October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Cynthia Leeks October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Human Relations Commission

Antoinette Morris October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Partial

Eric Bradley October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Dakiesha Upchurch October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Tara Van Geons October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

William Milton II October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Joint Appearance Commission

Kennon Jackson October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

William Wesley October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Linear Park, Inc.

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Brenda Gordon October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Maria Covington October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027 Partial

Naynesh Mehta October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Roderick Gooden, Jr. October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Personnel Review Board

Charlotte Fisk October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Jennifer Rodela October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Michelle Dean October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Scott Klein October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Planning Commission

Keith Reid October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Raymond Makar October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

VACANT October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027 Alternate

Public Arts Commission

Dominique Ashley October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Sabrina Steigelman October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Redevelopment Commission

Katherine Smalls October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

Partial

Keshonta Williams October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2029 Partial

Tyler Patton October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2029 Partial

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Dorothy Tatmon October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Jacquelyn Washington October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Kimberly Baptiste October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Partial

Stormwater Advisory Board

Dominique Gatlin October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Patricia Archie Jackson October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Sandy Parker October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Woodpeckers Capital Reserve

Charles Jones October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Gregory Foxx October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Renisha Hammonds October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Sara Bandurraga October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Zoning Commission

Kim Medley October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027 Alternate
Philip Fehler October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027
Toenya Monds October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027 Alternate
Zaccheaus Eley October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the appointment
 committee recommendations for boards and commissions
 appointments.
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente’s vote counted
 in the affirmative due to unexcused absence)

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**10.01 Receive Administrative Report on Special Event Security at
Festival Park**

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to place the Special Event
 Security at Festival Park on the October 6, 2025, Work
 Session
SECOND: Council Member Greene
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**10.02 Receive an Administrative Report on the Day Resource Center for
the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025**

 This item was for information purposes only and not presented.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

