

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
APRIL 14, 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 Olivera, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Loren Bymer, Market and Communications Director  
Shelia Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning and Analytics Manager  
Andy Brayboy, Management Analyst  
Kim Toon, Purchasing Manager  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Assistant Pastor Dirk Hennigan, Mount Sinai Baptist Church.

**3.0 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to the City of Fayetteville 911 Communications staff, proclaiming April 13-19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Ms. Faith Boehmer, Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator of the Child Advocacy Center, proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Colvin presented the Key to the City to Mr. Gilbert Baez in recognition of his commitment to service and making a direct and lasting impact in our community through 17 years as a news reporter.

**5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, introduced Ms. Tiffany Murray as the new City of Fayetteville Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Hewett acknowledged the Marketing and Communications Team. Mr. Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director, stated at the North Carolina City County Communicators Association the City was awarded 3 second-place trophies for audio, regular programming such as Employee Spotlights, and the Solid Waste Public Service Announcement.

## **6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to approve the agenda.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Haire  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

## **7.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Eric Washington, 100 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC, requested an ABC Permit Zoning exemption.

Mr. Jose Cardona, 233 Addison Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding community concerns.

Ms. Krystal Maddox, 1304 Romie Street, Spring Lake, NC, invited City Council to the PRIDE Not Prejudice Prom by Fayetteville PRIDE.

Mr. James House, Jr., 3928 Quarry Hollow, Fayetteville, NC, expressed the need for supplemental practice fields and proper equipment for baseball and softball.

Ms. Manicka Getter, 5703 Scarecrow Court, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding corruption in Cumberland County Schools.

Mr. Benjamin Hultquist, 801 Rim Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding affordable housing.

Ms. Georgeanna Pinckney, 3529 Furman Drive, Fayetteville, NC, presented a proposal on a Youth Historical Display Initiative.

Mr. Dylan Nigh, 1033 Anthem Lane, Fayetteville, NC, expressed his support of Fayetteville PRIDE.

Ms. Lisette Rodriguez, 1701 Cherokee Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding PFAS contamination.

Mr. Shaun McMillan, 6024 Goldenrain Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed the need for a Sentinel Event Review Process.

## **7.0A CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 8.0A6.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Haire  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente's unexcused absence counted as an affirmative vote)

## **8.0A CONSENT AGENDA**

### **8.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

March 13, 2025 - Special  
March 13, 2025 - Discussion of Agenda Items  
March 13, 2025 - Regular  
March 19, 2025 - Agenda Brief  
March 24, 2025 - Discussion of Agenda Items  
March 24, 2025 - Regular

### **8.0A2 Set Filing Fee for Municipal Election**

The City Council approved the increase of one cent for the City Council municipal election filing fee from \$205.99 to \$206.00.

### **8.0A3 Consideration of Cumberland County's Proposed Amendment to the Sales Tax Distribution Agreement**

City Council approved Cumberland County's proposed amendment to the Sales Tax Distribution Agreement. The first part of the amendment requires the City to pay the remaining \$1.6 million from FY 2024. The

second part of the amendment shares the FY 2025 sales tax growth, with 50 percent going to the County and 50 percent remaining with the City.

**8.0A4 TA24-09. Amendment to Uses and Standards in the UDO Requiring Special Use Permits**

City Council approved the Unified Development Ordinance text amendment allowing two to four-family and single-family attached dwellings in the Single Family 6 (SF-6) and Single Family 10 (SF-10) districts.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE AMENDING SECTION 30-4.A., USE TABLE, OF ARTICLE 30-4, USE STANDARDS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. ORDINANCE NO. S2025-008**

**8.0A5 Century Circle Speed Limit Repeal - From 55 mph to 35 mph**

City Council approved the reduction of speed along Century Circle (State Road 1104), between Strickland Bridge Road and Stoney Point Road, from 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

**CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL DECLARATION TO REPEAL SPEED LIMITS AND REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE. From SR1140 to SR 1112. ORDINANCE NO. NS 2025-009**

**8.0A6 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Federal Transit Administration FY25 Grant NC-2025-021-00 and the Required Local Match.**

This item was pulled and moved to a future meeting.

**8.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT**

**9.0 STAFF REPORTS**

**9.01 Receive the FY 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Strategic Performance Report**

Mr. Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning & Analytics Manager, and Mr. Andrew Brayboy, Management Analyst, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated as the City moves into the third quarter of 2025, across all five priorities, departments are aligning resources, deepening community partnerships, and translating goals into actions. The City has not only made progress in the performance metrics but also created a deeper community engagement, ranging from safety initiatives to improved housing and youth investment. The City is making significant strides towards the FY25 priorities: violence reduction, affordable housing and revitalization, youth engagement, economic growth, and City branding and communication. The focus remains on refining strategies, aligning the FY26 priorities, and strengthening partnerships.

**MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to accept the report.**

**SECOND: Council Member Davis**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

**10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**10.01 Public Hearing on the Renaming of Woodrow Park to Haymount Park at Woodrow**

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation and stated this request is to rename Woodrow Park to Haymount Park at Woodrow. Council Member Greene presented this time at the February 2025 Work Session, where the direction of Council was to forward the request to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for review and recommendation. The Commission unanimously approved the recommendation to rename the park.

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

Ms. Sandy Parker, 207 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC., appeared in favor.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to approve the renaming of Woodrow Park to Haymount Park at Woodrow**  
**SECOND: Council Member Davis**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

#### **11.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **11.01 Fountainworks - FY26 Fayetteville City Council Strategic Planning Retreat Debrief**

Ms. Julie Brenman, Fountainworks Senior Consultant, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the retreat was held on February 11-12, 2025, with three purposes: celebrate successes and accomplishments, utilize creative problem solving, and create a concise list of priorities. Ms. Brenman reviewed strategic planning best practices, annual priorities of the governing body, and staff priorities. The City Council identified 5 Council Strategic Priorities with one core philosophy to be efficient, effective, and responsive in all it does:

1. Enhance economic growth throughout the City
2. Ongoing Commitment to a comprehensive approach to community safety
3. Continue the City's Commitment to revitalization efforts and housing needs
4. Increase Parks and Recreation Opportunities for Youth Engagement and Interaction
5. Evaluate and Expand Transportation and Other Connectivity for Residents

**MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to accept the report of the FY26 Fayetteville City Council Strategic Planning Retreat Debrief**  
**SECOND: Council Member Davis**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

#### **12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

##### **12.01 City Manager's Update - City Council Agenda Item Requests**

This item was for information only and was not presented.

#### **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.