

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
MARCH 9, 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); Council Member 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
Roberto Bryan, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Yamile Nazar, Human Relations Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Deonte Watson, Deputy Airport Director
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development Assistant Director
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
David Scott, Communications Manager
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Imam Abdul Haneef, Masjid Omar Ibn Sayyid.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Weblos Pack 747 from Saint James Lutheran Church.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Council Members Haire and Hondros will present the City Coin to Mr. Andreas and Mr. George Anagnostopoulos, Founders of Captain Jerry's Seafood in recognition of the anniversary of their restaurant.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the City and Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority have successfully submitted the Choice Neighborhood Application requesting \$26 million of grant funds from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and includes more than \$531 million in committed public and private leveraging support for a transformation along the Murchison Road corridor. This level of partnership and investment will be historic and monumental for the community if we receive the award.

Dr. Hewett stated the City continues to grow a strong and stable budget and financial team. Assistant Finance Directors, Ms. Kimberly Toon and Ms. Amanda Mott have passed the required examination to be awarded the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Award for Certified Local Government Finance Officers. Ms. Kymberly Locklear, Assistant Purchasing Manager was awarded the designation of North Carolina Contract Manager and Economic Inclusion Officer from the University of North Carolina School of Government. Ms. Brandy

Darden, Purchasing Analyst has been awarded the North Carolina Local Government Purchasing Officers Designation.

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 8.02 – Receive the Fayetteville NEXT Annual Report.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
February 18, 2026 - Agenda Briefing
February 23, 2026 - Special
February 23, 2026 - Discussion of Agenda Items
February 23, 2026 – Regular

City Council approved the four draft meeting minutes.

7.0A2 Adopt Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Regarding the Permanent Closing of a Portion of McDonald Street

City Council adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing on April 27, 2026, regarding the permanent closing of a portion of McDonald Street. The City of Fayetteville has received a petition from Sewak, LLC to permanently close a portion of McDonald Street which has never been constructed or opened. The portion of the street to be closed was dedicated on a plat dated January 1924 entitled “Map of J.W. Hollingsworth Property Being 2nd Cedar Rose Addition”. The property abutting McDonald Street has been recombined to allow for future development in a plat entitled “Recombination for Sewak, LLC” dated January 13, 2026. Permanently closing the street will not deny access to any property owners.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSING OF A PORTION OF MCDONALD STREET. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-011.

7.0A3 Adopt Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Regarding the Permanent Closing of a Portion of Maxwell Street

City Council adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing on April 27, 2026, regarding the permanent closing of a portion of Maxwell Street. The City of Fayetteville has received a petition from Sewak, LLC to permanently close a portion of McDonald Street which has never been constructed or opened. The portion of the street to be closed was dedicated on a plat dated January 1924 entitled “Map of J.W. Hollingsworth Property Being 2nd Cedar Rose Addition”. The property abutting McDonald Street has been recombined to allow for future development in a plat entitled “Recombination for Sewak, LLC” dated January 13, 2026. Permanently closing the street will not deny access to any property owners.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSING OF A PORTION OF MAXWELL STREET. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-012.

7.0A4 Adopt Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Regarding the Permanent Closing of a Portion of an Unnamed Street Off Cedar Street

City Council adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing on April 27, 2026, regarding the permanent closing of a portion of an unnamed street off Cedar Street. The City of Fayetteville has received a petition from Sewak, LLC to permanently close a portion of McDonald Street which has never been constructed or opened. The portion of the street to be closed was dedicated on a plat dated January 1924 entitled “Map of J.W. Hollingsworth Property Being 2nd Cedar Rose Addition”. The property abutting McDonald Street has been recombined to allow for future development in a plat entitled “Recombination for Sewak, LLC”

dated January 13, 2026. Permanently closing the street will not deny access to any property owners.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED STREET OF CEDAR STREET. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-013.

7.0A5 Agreement with Cumberland County for Joint Funding of Year-Round Temporary Emergency Shelter

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Cumberland County for joint funding of a year-round temporary emergency shelter, appropriate \$100,000.00 of general fund balance, and complete all corresponding budget and financial actions.

7.0A6 To Accept and Appropriate the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund Grant and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina Emergency Management for the Locks Creek Roadway and Culvert Flood Mitigation Project

City Council accepted the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund (DRMF) grant in the amount of \$999,135 for the Locks Creek Roadway and Culvert Flood Mitigation Project. City Council also authorized for the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the North Carolina Emergency Management and to adopt Capital Project Ordinance (CPO) 2026-36 to appropriate the grant funding. The project improvements will provide upgrades to the existing culvert on Locks Creek Road and raise the roadway elevations to maintain and enhance community access during storm events up to the 50-year level of service.

7.0A7 Approval/Renewal of Agreement with Transportation Network Companies

City Council approved the proposed agreement to be used with transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft that may desire to provide pick-ups and drop-offs at the Fayetteville Regional Airport and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements on the behalf of the City. The term of the agreements shall be for three years.

7.0A8 PWC - Approve Sole Source Request - Purchase Twenty (20) LTE-Enabled Wastewater Flow Monitor Units, Twenty (20) Antennas for Communications, Ten (10) Area-Velocity Flow Sensors

City Council approved the sole source request to purchase twenty (20) LTE-enabled wastewater flow monitor units, twenty (20) antennas for communications, ten (10) area-velocity flow sensors from ADS Environmental Services LLC in the amount of \$153,405.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

7.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

There were no items pulled from the Consent Agenda.

8.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8.01 Receive the Fair Housing Board Presentation

Ms. Yamile Nazar, Human Relations Director, introduced Dr. Melanie Shorter, Fair Housing Board Member, to present the Fair Housing Board annual report. Ms. Nazar announced on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Fayetteville Technical Community College the Fair Housing Board will be hosting a Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference. The cost to attend is \$75.00 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Dr. Shorter stated the Fair Housing Act was enacted as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Housing discrimination includes race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. Dwellings that are covered under the fair housing act include houses, apartments, and mobile homes for sale or rent, beach rentals and time shares, vacant lots intended for dwellings, nursing homes, long-term shelters, and student housing. Dr. Shorter provided a list of prohibited practices covered under Fair Housing and provided examples of discrimination. The Fair Housing Board is quasi-judicial consisting of 5 members and civil penalties start at \$11,000.00.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to accept the Fair Housing Board presentation.
SECOND: Council Member Jones
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.02 Receive the Fayetteville NEXT Annual Report

Mr. Nathan Cuffee, Fayetteville NEXT Chairman, stated the Commission has been working on a phased approach to grow the NEXT Commission. Phase one consisted of building the foundation of the Commission through the rebranding from Millennial Commission to Fayetteville NEXT, creating structure, clarity, and credibility to establish a Commission with a clear identity, mission and purpose. Phase two focused on relationship building, community connection and impact.

During Phase Two, the Commission hosted several engagement events, including Sweater Socials and Adult Field Days in partnership with Cape Fear Valley Health. The Commission also produced its second annual Business Summit at Fayetteville Technical Community College, which welcomed entrepreneur Denise Woodard back to Fayetteville for the first time in 18 years and included a partnership with the Fayetteville Woodpeckers to highlight local entertainment opportunities. Additional partnerships included youth programming with students from Anne Chesnutt Middle School and collaborations with organizations such as Dick's House of Sport, the Dogwood Festival, and Fayetteville Liberty. Mr. Cuffee stated as the organization's visibility increased, residents had begun reaching out regarding infrastructure, parking, and other civic concerns, which signaled that the community viewed Fayetteville NEXT as a trusted bridge.

Mr. Cuffee stated the Commission has now moved its focus to Phase Three, which focuses on strengthening alignment with the City of Fayetteville and expanding engagement opportunities. To support this effort, the Commission established a Government Relations Committee to create clearer connections between commissioners and city departments and introduced the 910 Future Fest that is tentatively scheduled for September 24-26, 2026, at Segra Stadium. The 910 Future Fest has been in development for over 14 months in partnership with organizations such as The Two-Six Project. The fest will be an annual civic event intended to support youth opportunity, workforce development, public engagement, and downtown vitality.

A video from the Two-Six Project regarding the 910 Future Fest was presented.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to accept the Fayetteville NEXT Annual Report and send the 910 Future Fest discussion to the April Work Session.
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

9.01 Approve Appointment Committee Recommendations for Boards and Commissions Appointments

Council Member Haire presented this item and stated the Appointment Committee met on February 24, 2026, to review applications for appointments to 12 Boards and Commissions. It is from that meeting the Appointment Committee presents the recommendations for 29 appointments to the City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions.

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

The Appointment Committee recommended the following individuals:

Airport Commission

Judy Dawkins	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
Paul Hinson	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
Steve Harper	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028

Audit Committee

Cindy Graham	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
Tuyet Sykes	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028

Community Police Advisory Board

Antoinette Morris	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027	Partial
Charles Jones	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029	
Crystal Land	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029	Alternate
Reginald Harvey	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029	

Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT)

Gary Harris	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	
Michael Council	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	
Tremaine Canteen	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	
Wannikia Frison	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	Transit Driver

Fair Housing Board

Jordan Ethington	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
Lavonda Mcrae	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028

Fayetteville NEXT Commission

Danny Wooten, Jr.	April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026	Partial
Jonelle McLeod	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	
Monica Rosario	April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026	Alternate/Partial

Human Relations Commission

Amanda Hefner	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027	Partial
Michelle Dean	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	
Scarlett Abounada	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028	

Linear Park, Inc.

Latham Hodges	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029
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Public Arts Commission

Kia Jones	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028 - Arts Commission Appointment
Lauren Falls	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028 - Arts Commission Appointment

Redevelopment Commission

Brittany McLaurin	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2031
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Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Darlene Fair	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
June Vinson	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
Renee Aboamshe	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028

Woodpecker Capital Reserve Account

Renee Aboamshe	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028
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MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the recommendations for Boards and Commissions Appointments.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

