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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 23, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (arrived at 5:34 p.m.);

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) (arrived at 5:47 p.m.); Brenda McNair (District 7); Shaun McMillan (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager (arrived at 5:53 p.m.)  
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Michael Gibson, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director  
Deonte Watson, Assistant Airport Director  
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Service Director  
John Jones, OCS Director  
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development Assistant Director  
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager  
David Scott, Public Relations Manager  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk  
Members of the Public

Council Member Haire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Haire asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the March 9, 2026, meeting.

Mayor Colvin stated the announcement for tonight is due to it being confirmed with the recipient before the change of Announcements and Recognitions took place.

Council Member Davis clarified if Council Members can still make general announcements at Council Meetings. Mayor Colvin stated that Council Members can still make announcements, but there will need to be a review to tweak the seating arrangements and recognitions process. Council Member Haire stated the intent of the changes was exactly how it was done at the Work Session on March 2, 2026. Council Member Ferguson recommended televised announcements and recognitions continue.

Council Member Jones asked for clarification on Item 7.0A5 - Agreement with Cumberland County for Joint Funding of Year-Round Temporary Emergency Shelter. Mr. Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development Assistant Director, stated the City has been asked to enter into an agreement with Cumberland County for an emergency shelter. This would give authority to the City Manager to enter into an agreement at a cost of \$25,000.00 a month for a total of \$300,000.00. For the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026 it will be \$100,000.00. This would provide the Salvation Army \$700,000.00 from the County, and \$300,000.00 from the City, for a total of \$1,000,000.00 annually.

Dr. Hewett stated Item 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 is for Locks Creek. Mr. Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director, stated in November the City applied for the North Carolina Emergency Management for a disaster mitigation fund grant and was awarded almost \$1 million in February. The funding will go toward infrastructure improvements along Locks Creek Road to help with ingress and egress during certain storm events. The project is shovel ready and bids should come back in April.

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## CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to enter into closed session for 143.18.11(a)(5) for land acquisition  
**SECOND:** Council Member Davis  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to come out of closed session  
**SECOND:** Council Member Davis  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding adding the Fayetteville NEXT Advisory Commission presentation as an item under 8.0 Reports from Boards and Commissions. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated it will require a super majority to be added to the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
City Clerk  
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Mayor