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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 25, 2026
9:30 A.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, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Jeffrey Frye, Deputy Chief Information Officer
Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Yamile Nazar, Human Relations Director
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion of E911 PSAP

Mayor Colvin thanked the subcommittee members and City staff that met over the last two days to discuss potential consolidation of the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The goal for the day is to create and adopt a resolution to be sent to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for adoption at their next meeting and submitted to the State by Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Colvin stated City Council is committed to whatever is in the best interest of the community. There is a recommendation for the City and County Managers to reach out to the State, University of North Carolina School of Government, or the E911 Board to identify possible integration consultants that have a proven track record of merging systems and request the State pay the consultant so both the City and County remain neutral parties and that the recommendations of the consultant be accepted and implemented. The last two studies recommended City-led administration.

The points agreed upon by the subcommittee, once a Memorandum of Understanding is signed were:

- Within 45 days, a contact would be made with the State to identify a qualified integrator
- Within 15 days after the consultant is identified, a contract would be signed

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- An 18–24-months implementation period based on the feedback from the integrator.

Discussion ensued regarding the history of the discussions on a consolidated 911 PSAP and how 911 calls are received and dispatched. Mayor Colvin stated if no consensus is reached, the bill will move forward and gives the County Commissioners the ability to take a vote on a County-led 911 PSAP and require all municipalities to comply within twelve (12) months.

Mayor Colvin stated whoever the administrator is, that all employees would fall under that organization and all funding would be sent to that organization. If consolidated, there would be joint governance where the City and County Managers would have joint ability to make decisions. During yesterday's meeting, Cumberland County recommended baseline services that would include facilities costs, dispatch process, and then enhanced services at an additional cost, including ShotSpotter and the Office of Community Safety (OCS). The City's cost share would be after all revenues minus expenses. Additionally, the lead organization would have the ability to procure and contract services. The City recommended guardrails that include no contracting of core services to a third party without agreement of all municipalities and off-ramp provisions if levels of service were not met and the funding would be returned back to the municipalities.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated the funding model included first two years at 50 percent (%) – 50% cost share, the third year would be 70% - 30%, then the fourth year and beyond would be based on call volume. Discussion ensued regarding the costs to residents.

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the proposal he sent on March 24, 2026, to Mr. Clarence Grier, Cumberland County Manager, included the various levels of joint management with the distinction of the City as the lead agency. It is not just who writes the check, the real work is in the Public Safety Council, which includes the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, a member of the Fire Chief's Association, and others. If that group, which is heavily non-City appointees, decide to do something different at the operational level, there would be no safeguards under the City model.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin stated the members of the City and County subcommittee agreed on the following areas:

- Implementation Timeline
- How is the money divided
- Personnel
 - All employees retained
 - Pay parity
 - Maintain the highest standard of certification
- Joint Governance Model where the City still has operational controls and guardrails
- Off Ramps
- Location

Mr. Kevin Dove, Fire Chief; Mr. Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief; Ms. Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager; and Mr. John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director, provided their professional opinions and concerns on a joint 911 PSAP. Mr. Jeffrey Frye, Deputy Chief Information Officer, provided an overview of current issues with the County managed Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system communicating with City programs.

Discussion ensued regarding the CAD system, OCS, and how calls are taken and dispatched.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege.
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The special meeting recessed at 10:59 a.m.

MOTION: Council Member Jones moved to enter into open session.
SECOND: Council Member Hondros

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The meeting reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to adopt the resolution as prepared and discussed in closed session.
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Mayor Colvin stated a resolution will be sent over to the County Commissioners indicating the City’s willingness and appreciation for consolidation. The details of the resolution will be released at 2:00 p.m.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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Mayor