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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JUNE 9, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); (D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (departed at 6:30 p.m.); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Katherine K. Jensen (District 1)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Mike Hill, Fire Chief
Kelly Olivera, Budget and Evaluation Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Rob Stone, Construction Management Director
Jodi Phelps, Corporate Communications Director
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item 5.01, Council Member Davis' agenda item request pertaining to Reid Ross fields.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.01 City Council Member Agenda Item Request - Upgrade/Transform Reid Ross Fields with Turf for Multiple Sport

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to request to direct staff to research and report back with information pertaining to upgrading and transforming the Reid Ross Fields with Turf for Multiple Sporting Events.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

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5.1 GO Bond Projects

Mr. Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated City Council approved a bond referendum for identified needs in public safety, infrastructure, and affordable housing.

A ballot measure will be placed on the November 8, 2022, election seeking authorization to issue up to \$97 million in General Obligation Bonds: \$60 million for public safety projects, \$25 million for infrastructure improvements, and \$12 million for affordable housing strategies.

Mr. Toland displayed slides showing the GO Bond Projects debt funding, and dedicated property tax equivalent.

Discussion ensued.

5.2 Unfunded Initiatives

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the current needs that are not addressed in the FY 2023 budget are as follows:

- Second half of the pay study recommendations
- Numerous items on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans (not requested in GO Bonds)
- Housing study strategies as discussed at the June 6, 2022, work session
- A permanent facility for our fleet operations
- Black Voices Museum funding (approved but not yet appropriated)
- City SPIRIT findings and the repurposing of the Market House
- Christmas decorations for the downtown area

5.3 Parking Lot

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the items in the parking lot are as follows:

- Increase seasonal part-time employees to a minimum of \$15.00 per hour
- Multipurpose Indoor Sports Facility
- Walking trail at Lake Rim
- Outdoor Basketball Courts - Improvements at all locations
- Next-Gen Workforce
- At-Risk Youth Programs
- Financing Option for Sherwood Park Recreation Center and Makerspace
- Infrastructure Improvements in Bonnie Doone
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Strategies
- Concierge Program Expansion
- Community Beautification Funding

Discussion ensued.

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5.4 Consensus

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, asked for consensus votes on all parking lot items. The items that were added by a consensus vote of the Council include:

- \$15.00 an hour pay for all City employees, including seasonal part-time workers. That will add an outlay of \$484,000.00.
- A multipurpose indoor sports facility in partnership with an existing facility.
- Resurfacing the walking trail at Lake Rim Park for \$35,000.00.
- Outdoor basketball courts that have already been funded.
- \$100,000.00 for a “next generation” workforce initiative. The City will pursue partnerships with schools and businesses to provide training and job opportunities for students and others to learn skills for jobs in demand.
- An additional \$200,000.00 for micro-grants for at-risk youth programs, doubling that allocation. The grants would range from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Community groups will be able to submit ideas to the City for funding. The increase is meant to allow for bigger initiatives.
- \$30,000.00 for neighborhood signage, a project added to a community beautification initiative that had already been allocated \$20,000.00.
- \$50,000.00 for a concierge program intended to add security to the downtown area.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. MEGILL
City Clerk

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Mayor

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