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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
MAY 11, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3) (arrived at 6:24 p.m.); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Shaun McMillan (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Member D.J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Michael Gibson, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Byron Reeves, Public Services Deputy Director  
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director  
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director  
John McNeill, Senior Project Manager - Traffic  
David Scott, Public Relations Manager  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the May 11, 2026, meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson requested clarification on Item 7.0A6 - Adopt Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Improvements on U-4405A Raeford Road from west of Old Raeford Road to east of Bunce Road. Mr. John McNeill, Senior Project Manager – Traffic, stated it is to input irrigation and beautification on Raeford Road. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the project. Mayor Colvin stated Council Member Jones requested Item 7.0A2 - Authorization to Apply for the FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund Grant for the College Heights and Seabrook Hills Communities Architectural/Archaeological Survey be pulled for presentation.

Council Member Greene requested clarification on the \$401,000.00 allocations for Item 7.0A5 - Approve Bid Recommendation and Adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendments - Market Square Pedestrian Improvements. Discussion ensued regarding the pedestrian and stormwater improvements and the size of the kiosk screens. Mayor Colvin reminded everyone that the City lobbied and received \$1.5 million for the renovation of the Market House through partnership with the North Carolina Department of Justice (NCDOJ) and community meetings were held regarding what the Market House would become and the stories that would be told there. Mayor Colvin requested Council have a chance to see what is planned to ensure that what was promised is what happens. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, stated staff will provide a breakdown of where the funding was allocated. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Hondros stated there are three NCDOT items, and none of them include a map. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff can add maps moving forward. Discussion ensued regarding requesting enhanced items from NCDOT for projects and if it should be an ordinance or municipal agreements. Dr. Hewett and Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, recommended requesting enhancements through the municipal agreements since NCDOT does not necessarily have to adhere to our ordinances as a division of the State. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding the Boards and Commissions annual reports.

Mayor Colvin stated there are two people sign up to speak in opposition of Item 10.01 - PWC - Phase 5 Annexation Utility Improvement Project Area 26 Public Hearing on the Preliminary Assessment Roll.

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## CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to enter into closed session for 143.18.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege

**SECOND:** Council Member Thompson

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (8-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member McNair moved to come out of closed session

**SECOND:** Council Member Ferguson

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:29 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
City Clerk  
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Mayor