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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Roberto Bryan, Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer  
Loren Bymer, Marketing and Communications Director  
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director  
Deonte Watson, Deputy Airport Director  
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director  
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager  
Johnathan Best, Barr & Barr  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Pastor Richard Saunders, Jr., of Echo Church.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Andrew LaGala, Airport Director, provided an overview of the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy which was held on August 4-5, 2025. Ms. Elaina Fillmore, Mr. Derek Zieg, and Mr. Adriel Torres gave brief statements on their experiences while participating in the ACE Academy.

Mayor Colvin recognized Cumberland County District Court Judge Cheri Siler-Mack, who introduced two of her Fayetteville State University Criminal Law.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Police Chief Roberto Bryan, Jr., and Fire Chief Kevin Dove in honor of 9/11 Remembrance Day.

Council Member Davis thanked Deep Creek Road Community Watch, who held a community watch clean-up on Saturday, September 6, 2025. They collected over 5.63 tons of garbage.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin shared that the Economic and Community Development Department is gathering feedback from small local business owners through an assessment survey, available on the City’s website. Business owners are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday, October 3, 2025.

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Council Member Benavente stated the Bill Crisp 3rd annual fashion show will be taking place Friday, September 12, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Crisp Senior Center, located at 7560 Raeford Road.

Council Member Benavente announced that Fayetteville State University is hosting a Mayor’s Debate on Sunday, September 14, 2:00 p.m. at J.W. Seabrook Auditorium, 1200 Murchison Road. This event will be hosted by the Cumberland County Democrats and Republicans.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated there will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug in the District on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Harvest Family Church located at 6575 Fisher Road in District 6. This allows for residents to come and engage with the City Manager and senior staff to discuss topics of concern to them.

Dr. Hewett stated on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the Hurley Plaza unveiling will take place in front of Segra Stadium, located at 460 Hay Street.

Dr. Hewett stated Fayetteville Outfront will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced, and it will discuss hiring at the City.

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

7.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Joseph Schwab, 3009 Marcus James Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Amplified Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Jelissa Thomas, 100 Hay St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding job creation for justice-involved and recovery-focused workers. And announced a street clean up and Resource Rally.

Ms. Staci Graybill, 108-B Gillespie St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding noise ordinance violations downtown.

Mr. David Zeitz, 2412 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed support of the state of real estate in Fayetteville.

Ms. Tiffany Jones, 2412 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed support of real estate in Fayetteville.

Mr. Adam Furr, 2953 Breezewood Ave., Fayetteville, NC, presented building statistics in Fayetteville.

Ms. Kristen Starks, 100 Twin Acres Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Shotspotter and Public Safety.

Mr. Robert Walls, 1436 Valencia Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Transparency.

Mr. Elijah Wittmeyer-Balthazar, 6482 Pittsfield Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Shotspotter.

Mr. Isaac Lacap, 309 Sylvan Rd., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Ms. Angela Freckleton, 5300 Brower Trail, Hope Mills, NC expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to extend the public forum time to allow the remaining public forum speakers  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks- McLaughlin  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition Opposed: Council Member Thompson (Council Member Hondros' vote counted in the affirmative due to unexcused absence)

Mr. Benjamin Hultquist, 801 Rim Rd. Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding density.

Ms. Cynthia Swinson Leeks, 715 Topkea St., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Ms. Lisette Rodriguez, 1701 Cherokee Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding ShotSpotter.

Mr. Shaun McMillan, 6024 Goldenrain Dr., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding transparency and accountability.

Mr. Cheliko Hurst, 113 Wayside Dr., Parkton, NC, expressed concerns regarding public safety.

### 8.0A CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Council Member Greene moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 8.0A2, 8.0A4, and 8.0A5  
**SECOND:** Council Member Benavente  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**8.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:**  
August 20, 2025 – Agenda Briefing  
August 25, 2025 – Discussion of Agenda Items

**8.0A2 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B2.**

**8.0A3 Accept and Appropriate North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police Performance and Wellness Grant Award and Approve the Fund 26 Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance**

City Council accepted and appropriated the awarded grant funding for fiscal year 2026 for the Fayetteville Police Department through the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police Performance and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Council is asked to adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2026-7 to appropriate these funds for Performance and Wellness Grant Award. The Fayetteville Police Department will utilize grant funding for software solutions to strengthen teams with increased physically and mentally readiness. Items requested include a Safety & Wellness Suite tool and a Talent Managements Suite used for performance development, team building, training and profiles.

**8.0A4 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B4.**

**8.0A5 This item was pulled for a Separate Vote as Item 8.0B5.**

**8.0A6 PWC – Approve Sole Source Recommendation – Ten (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni Device Kits and Ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 Extensions**

City Council approved the sole source recommendation to purchase, configure, install, and implement ten (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni device kits and ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 extensions manufactured by Xylem Sensus in the amount of \$265,000 and authorize the CEO and General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

**8.0A7 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – Three (3) Continuous Rated 67 KV Delta to 13.09 Y/7.56KV with LTC Rated 24/35.8/44.8 MVA Power Transformers at ONAN, ONAF, ONAF**

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for three (3) Continuous Rated 67 KV Delta to 13.09 Y/7.56KV with LTC Rated 24/35.8/44.8 MVA Power Transformers at ONAN, ONAF, ONAF to Virginia Transformer Corporation, Roanoke, VA, the lowest

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responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$6,650,484.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

### 8.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

**8.0B2 Approve P25-41: Conditional Rezoning Request from MR-5 and NC to CC/CZ, NC, and AR for approximately 19.02 Acres Located at 0 Morganton Road (REID #0408149306000)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Greene moved to recuse Council Member Hondros because he represents one of the parties in the action.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Greene moved to approve the conditional rezoning of the 19.02 acres located on Morganton Road

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

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

**8.0B4 Authorization of a One Year Contract Renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter) at a Cost of \$220,500.00**

Discussion ensued regarding the efficacy of ShotSpotter. Mr. Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief, stated the information regarding the accuracy of the sensors at 94 percent versus when evidence is recovered, an incident occurs, or an arrest is made, which is 24 percent of the time. The results are not instantaneous, and some results may come later. It is a process and a tool.

Mr. John Jones, Office of Community Safety (OCS) Director, stated OCS received an annual budget of \$2.4 million. \$1.66 million has been allocated for contracts and services to address the four pillars of OCS: youth programming, behavioral health, community violence intervention, and the unhoused.

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to authorize a month-to-month contract renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter).

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Thompson moved to authorize a one-year contract renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter) at a cost of \$220,500.00

**SECOND:** Council Member Haire

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Opposed: Council Members Benavente and Hondros)

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to accept the data-based recommendations to improve the ability to understand the efficacy of the program

**SECOND:** Council Member Greene

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Opposed: Council Member Davis)

**8.0B5 Approve Fire Station No. 16 Construction Manager at Risk Selection**

Council Member Greene requested staff explain the selection process and what it looks like moving forward. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Johnathan Best with Barr & Barr/HORUS, and stated in June, Council authorized City staff to look into alternative delivery methods as part of the ongoing response to sophisticate the construction management delivery in the City. Council directed to utilize an Owner Advisor, Freese & Nichols, to help guide all of the major construction projects. The Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) process starts before the design is finished. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is sent out to receive qualified general contractors to finalize the design and provide a guaranteed maximum price. Four teams submitted qualifications, and three were interviewed. Staff, Freese & Nichols, and the architect were on the selection board. Barr & Barr/HORUS has also offered to provide performance bonds for the pre-construction process, which is not normal or required.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Greene moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract for pre-construction activities with Barr & Barr/HORUS Construction, not to exceed \$400,000.00.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente’s vote counted in the affirmative due to an unexcused absence)

**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 August 27, 2025, to review applications for appointments to Boards and Commissions. It is from that meeting the Appointment Committee presents the recommendations for appointments to the City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions.

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

The Appointment Committee recommended the following individuals:

<b><u>Airport Commission</u></b>		
Paul Hinson	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	Partial
<b><u>Animal Control Board</u></b>		
Keith Bates, Jr.	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028	
<b><u>Audit Committee</u></b>		
Cindy Graham	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	Partial
<b><u>Board of Appeals</u></b>		
Sandy Pickard	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028	
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028	
<b><u>CPAB</u></b>		
Austin Kinlaw	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027	Partial
Charles Jones	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	Partial Alternate
Harry Bennett	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027	Partial
William Bales	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028	Partial
William Wesley	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028	Partial
<b><u>Economic Development Board</u></b>		
Kathryn Cox	November 30, 2025 – November 30, 2028	
<b><u>Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT)</u></b>		
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	
<b><u>Fair Housing Board</u></b>		
Elisabeth Cerrato	October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026	Partial
<b><u>Fayetteville NEXT Commission</u></b>		
Andrew Ridgeway	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	Alternate
Ashley Wyatt	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	
Dymond Spain	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	
Jospeh Quigg V	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	Alternate
Sherita Fleming	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	Partial Alternate
<b><u>Historic Resources Commission</u></b>		
Brian Vesely	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	
Cynthia Leeks	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027	
<b><u>Human Relations Commission</u></b>		
Antoinette Morris	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	Partial

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Eric Bradley	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Dakiesha Upchurch	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Tara Van Geons	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
William Milton II	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Joint Appearance Commission**

Kennon Jackson	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
William Wesley	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Linear Park, Inc.**

VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Brenda Gordon	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028
Maria Covington	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027 Partial
Naynesh Mehta	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028
Roderick Gooden, Jr.	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028

### **Personnel Review Board**

Charlotte Fisk	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Jennifer Rodela	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Michelle Dean	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Scott Klein	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Planning Commission**

Keith Reid	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Raymond Makar	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
VACANT	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027 Alternate

### **Public Arts Commission**

Dominique Ashley	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Sabrina Steigelman	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Redevelopment Commission**

Katherine Smalls	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 Partial
Keshonta Williams	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029 Partial
Tyler Patton	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029 Partial

### **Senior Citizens Advisory Commission**

Dorothy Tatmon	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Jacquelyn Washington	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Kimberly Baptiste	October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Partial

### **Stormwater Advisory Board**

Dominique Gatlin	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Patricia Archie Jackson	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Sandy Parker	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Woodpeckers Capital Reserve**

Charles Jones	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Gregory Foxx	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Renisha Hammonds	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Sara Bandurraga	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Zoning Commission**

Kim Medley	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027 Alternate
Philip Fehler	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
Toenya Monds	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027 Alternate
Zaccheaus Eley	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the appointment committee recommendations for boards and commissions appointments.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hondros

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente's vote counted in the affirmative due to unexcused absence)

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**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**10.01 Receive Administrative Report on Special Event Security at Festival Park**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to place the Special Event Security at Festival Park on the October 6, 2025, Work Session  
**SECOND:** Council Member Greene  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**10.02 Receive an Administrative Report on the Day Resource Center for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025**

This item was for information purposes only and not presented.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
City Clerk  
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MITCH COLVIN  
Mayor