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FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION OF JUNE 4, 2026, RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 12, 2026
10:00 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) (arrived at 10:12 a.m.); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (arrived at 10:06 a.m.); 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, Jr., Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer
Tyffany Neal, Transit Director
Rose Rasmussen, Internal Audit Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
Taylor Floyd, Budget and Evaluation Director
Byron Reeves, Deputy Public Services Director
Brian McGill, Public Services Assistant Director
Michele Brooks, Interim Budget Director
David Scott, Communications Manager
Andrew Mansell, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Kimberly Toon, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Amanda Mott, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

This meeting is the continuation of the June 4, 2026, Reconvened Special City Council Meeting that had previously met and recessed on June 11, 2026.

1.0 RECONVENE THE JUNE 4, 2026, RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Colvin reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

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

3.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget Discussion

Mayor Colvin stated that at the beginning of yesterday's meeting, Council reached a consensus for no tax increase, reviewed operational and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) potential savings, and now Council needs to allocate funding based on the strategic priorities.

Mr. Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the handouts, and stated the discussion yesterday was on the additional penny list that Council requested options for. Staff continues to recommend the additional penny list and would allow departments to reprioritize their budget in order to have the additional items. Without a tax increase, the current list for the recommended additional penny will be cut.

Additional balancing options were provided that included reducing downtown funding by 50 percent (%), reviewing operational savings for police technology, increasing parking revenue by rates and hours, increasing transit fares by a quarter ($0.25) per ride, removing Council's discretionary parking lot fund, removing the resident survey, and increasing vacancy savings by delaying hiring of vacant positions. With the vacancy savings and use of fund balance, there is the potential for the General Fund fund balance to go below the Council policy of 12%.

Discussion ensued.

Council reviewed the list of funding covered under the recommended one-cent and two-cent tax increases. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated revenue projections are separate and based on ad valorum tax revenue. Council requested a clear understanding of what is available to be cut and what is not.

Consensus of City Council was to not eliminate any items from the one-cent tax increase list.

Mr. Yates stated the budget was structured to not cut people and maintain current services in order to include all items from the one-cent tax increase list, what current services does Council want reduced in order to support the list. Staff have cut $3.2 million in current services and $8.4 million from requested additional services from departments. Discussion ensued.

City Council completed an exercise on the whiteboard to identify operational savings, parking lot items, and CIP savings based on Council priorities.

Consensus of City Council was to remove funding for the Makers Space project and reappropriate the $1.6 million. Council Members Ferguson, Jones, Greene, and McMillan were opposed to the consensus motion.

Mayor Colvin recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Yates stated the net difference between the original list and the list from Mayor Colvin is $2,080,000 for one time funding. The savings identified include 3% salary increases rather than 4%, not increasing the 401k match, only funding one mental health team and removing the associated vehicle, unfreezing eight police officer positions, and adding the downtown manager position, Transit route expansion, and drones as first responder. What is not included is the additional funding for the public safety camera network. This creates a net add of $109,000.00 over the $492,694.00 identified savings. Additionally, the Mayor's list included Stadium View reduction and the fully removed the Makers Space project. The one-time items identified on the strategic priority list are $1,185,000.00, creating a net difference of $895,000.00. If the one-time funding items on two-cent tax increase list are removed, the value is $4.8 million. On the operational side there were $2.4 million in identified needs from the one-cent tax increase list.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of City Council was to approve the list of strategic priorities and direct staff to address the Council whiteboard prioritized list and $725,000.00 deficit. Council Members Ferguson, Jones, Greene, and McMillan were opposed to the consensus motion.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: **Council Member Ferguson moved to enter into closed session for 143.318.11(a)(3) attorney-client privilege, *Husk v. City***
SECOND: **Council Member Haire**
VOTE: **UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

The reconvened meeting recessed at 1:23 p.m.

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

The meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed at 1:53 p.m. until Monday, June 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lafayette Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE	MITCH COLVIN
City Clerk	Mayor
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