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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
JUNE 5, 2025  
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 10:22 a.m.); Malik Davis (District 2); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (via TEAMS); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Mario Benavente (District 3); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager  
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer  
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director  
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director  
Tyffany Neal, Transit Director  
Jerry Clipp, Human Resource Development Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Willie Johnson, Chief Information Officer  
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer  
Michael Gibson, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kimberly Leonard, Budget & Evaluation Director  
Kim Toon, Purchasing Manager  
Deonte Watson, Airport Deputy Director  
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director  
David Steinmetz, Development Services Deputy Director  
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director  
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager  
Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning & Analytics Manager  
Andrew Brayboy, Senior Corporate Performance Analyst  
Pricilla Xayaphet, Budget Analyst  
Tiffany Wolfhope, Budget Analyst  
Jerome Coaxum, Budget Analyst  
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

## 2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

## 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** Council Member Hondros moved to approve the agenda  
**SECOND:** Council Member Greene  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

## 5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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### 5.1 Discussion on Proposed Operational Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the parking lot items been incorporated into the budget without changing the revenue or tax rate.

Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the parking lot items that were included as well as removed. Council Member Haire asked if there is a budget for development incentives. Mr. Yates stated there is HUB business center funding, there is also \$1 million for permitting. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds are provided through state, federal, and local funding sources depending on the project.

Mayor Colvin provided an overview of his attendance at the Site Selectors meeting in Savannah and what they are looking for when identifying a new location as well as strategies that Fayetteville could utilize.

Mayor Colvin asked if Council had approved increasing funding for expedited sidewalk projects and how the General Fund could be utilized for the purpose. Dr. Hewett stated if Council is interested staff can input funds annually from the General Fund to go towards infrastructure needs. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalk funding, projects, and length of time to complete projects. Council Member Hondros stated he would be supportive to include recurring sidewalk funding in the CIP annually.

Discussion ensued regarding why more studies are being funded, if funding is not appropriated to address the studies that have already been completed. Dr. Hewett stated quite often when applying for funding a study is required to show how the funding will be used. Mayor Colvin stated everything does not need to be studied and a better balance needs to be found.

**MOTION:** Council Member Thompson moved to include an additional \$500,000.00 for the supplemental pedestrian plan and reach out all of the schools to ensure everyone is heard from and next year include half a cent of the tax rate into the CIP for future years for sidewalks.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hondros

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

Dr. Hewett stated staff will provide how to include additional funding to City Council that includes \$600,000.00 for sidewalks and \$100,000.00 for economic development and how to ensure the 12 percent general fund balance goal. Mayor Colvin stated understanding where the funding is coming from is just as important.

### 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
City Clerk  
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Mayor