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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
APRIL 27, 2026
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); 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
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Christopher Joyce, Assistant Chief of Police
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Service Director
Michelle Brooks, Budget and Evaluation Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic & Community Development Director
Alex Baker, Assistant Economic & Community Development Director
Jennifer Baptiste, Ombudsman
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator Supervisor
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Angelica McDonald, Assistant City Attorney
Victoria Curtis, Assistant City Attorney
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner
Sabina Wells, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press
Members of the Public

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the April 27, 2026, meeting.

Council Member Hondros stated he would like to pull Item 7.0A2 - Approve Dogwood Festival Funding Support of \$75,000.00 for a separate vote and asked how the \$75,000.00 amount was determined. The City already contributes close to \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in in-kind donations. The City does not get any percentage of the alcohol tax, hotel tax, and only a small amount from food & beverage sales. The Dogwood Festival has not had any other partners make investments in the festival, such as the County, Arts Council, and the Tourism Development Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated that some of the expenses the Festival incurred was because of the new mandatory security measures Council approved. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin stated he has a follow-up meeting with PWC later this week and would like to table Items 7.0A10 - PWC - Approve Bid Recommendation - Coating Repairs to the 1 MG Clinton Road Elevated Water Storage Tank, 7.0A11 - PWC - Approve Bid Recommendation - Materials Contract for Construction Ops and Storms, and 7.0A12 - PWC - Approve Sole Source Recommendation - Distribution Transformer Purchase, until a future Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated the property associated with Item 7.0A5 - Approve P26-08 - Wiley Bunce has asked to change the zoning map. He wants to change about 11.78 acres at 603 Covey Drive and 618 Covey Drive from SF-10 and SF-6 (Single-Family Residential 6 and 10) to MR-5 (Mixed Residential 5)., appears to be in need of better upkeep. Council Member McNair stated that she contacts Code Enforcement when the property gets to that level.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson asked if the City Attorney's Office has researched Raleigh's picketing ordinance regarding Item 11.02 - Consider Proposed Amendments to Parades, Motorcades, Special Events and Demonstrations Ordinance. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated her office has not conducted that research and Council can make a motion to table the item or make any changes to the proposed ordinance that they would like. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Colvin stated he would like to move Item 12.01 - Downtown Municipal Service District FY26 Third Quarter Update from Cool Spring Downtown District, Inc., to a work session.

Council Member Greene stated she would like to combine the December Work Session and Regular Meeting into one day on December 7, 2026, holding the work session earlier in the day and the regular meeting later that same day. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the City Clerk's Office can provide options for Council to review and approve.

Consensus of Council was to move forward with the City Clerk's Office bringing back options for the December Council meetings.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to enter into closed session for 143.18.11(a)(3) attorney-client privilege *City v. Luck*.
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to come out of closed session
SECOND: Council Member Hondros
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SABINA WELLS
Deputy City Clerk
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Mayor