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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION OF JUNE 4, 2026, RECONVENED
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 15, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Stephon Ferguson (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2) (arrived at 1:18 p.m. via TEAMS); Antonio Jones (District 3) (arrived at 1:18 p.m.); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); 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
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Rose Rasmussen, Internal Audit Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic & Community Development Director
Taylor Floyd, Budget and Evaluation Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Byron Reeves, Deputy Public Services Director
Michele Brooks, Interim Budget Director
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Yamile Nazar, Human Relations Director
David Scott, Communications Manager
Andrew Mansell, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Kimberly Toon, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

This meeting is a continuation of the June 4, 2026, Reconvened Special City Council Meeting that previously met and recessed on June 11, 2026, and June 12, 2026.

1.0 RECONVENE THE JUNE 4, 2026, RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Colvin reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Hondros.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget Discussion

Mr. Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager, presented the budget update with the aid of handouts and stated the handouts are based on the work completed by City Council over the last few meetings. It reduced the recommended tax rate, eliminated the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects list, canceled the Makers Space project, removed \$2.7 million in funding for the Stadium View Project, and added additional use of \$1 million each from fund balance and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 vacancy savings. The one-time item additions include:

- \$250,000.00 - One-Way-In and One-Way-Out program
- \$100,000.00 - Upgrades to the Hollywood Heights Community Center
- \$25,000.00 - West Fayetteville Youth Center Planning Study

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- \$300,000.00 - Mature Home Repair Program
- \$260,201.00 - Jasper Street Repaving
- \$200,000.00 - Phase V Sewer Connection Program
- \$50,000.00 - Non-Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit Benches and Trashcans
- \$5,000.00 - One-time Downtown Alleyway Cleaning
- \$5,000.00 - Joint City-County Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- \$100,000.00 - One-time funding of NEXT Generation Workforce
- \$200,000.00 - Fayetteville NEXT 910 Festival
- \$100,000.00 - HUB General Contractor Program Expansion
- \$100,000.00 - Convention Center Feasibility Study
- \$250,000.00 - Corridor of Opportunity Program
- \$350,000.00 - Black Voices Museum first installment
- \$20,000.00 - Side Arm Trimmer, moved from operating.
- \$275,000.00 - Downtown Event Funding moved from operating for Council to determine annually.
- \$691,206.00 - Construction Management Contract Support, transferred from the operating budget.

The operating/recurring items include:

- \$2.4 million - Reduction of Recommended Tax Rate
- \$670,000.00 - Reduction in Recommended Employee Compensation
- \$601,000.00 - Reduction in Recommended 401k Match for Non-Sworn Employees
- \$317,000.00 - Reduction of One Mental Health Unit and Vehicle
- \$500,000.00 - Reduction of City Council Parking Lot Reserve
- \$26,000.00 - Reduction of Resident Survey
- \$250,000.00 - Parking increased revenue, hours of operation and special event parking fees will need to increase
- \$600,000.00 - Increase in FY27 Vacancy Savings Estimate
- \$197,784.00 - Reduction in Insurance and Claims Settlement
- \$300,000.00 - Additional for Right-of-Way Maintenance
- \$202,684.00 - Additional for Drones as First Responders
- \$150,000.00 - Additional for Downtown Manager
- \$1,095,056.00 - Restoration of Eight Frozen Police Officer Positions.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Ferguson moved to have City Council vote on each recommendation individually.

SECOND: Council Member McMillan

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 4 in favor to 6 in opposition (Mayor Colvin, Council Members Davis, Haire, Thompson, McNair, and Hondros)

MOTION: Council Member McMillan moved to remove funding for the Downtown Manager position.

SECOND: Council Member Ferguson

Council Member McMillan withdrew his motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Downtown Manager position and the list on one-time and ongoing budget recommendations.

Mr. Yates stated the cumulative impact of removing the recommended two-cent tax increase over the life of the CIP is \$30 million and years 2028-2032 will need to be revised accordingly to balance. Mr. Yates recommended the CIP Committee be tasked with reviewing the impact.

Discussion ensued regarding gun storage safety marketing, the Public Works Commission (PWC), potential funding to Inspired Horizons, unhoused funding, Dogwood Festival funding, requesting Downtown Alliance provide input on parking, and Salvation Army funding.

MOTION: Council Member Ferguson moved to remove the \$200,000.00 for the Fayetteville NEXT 910 Fest and consider it next year

SECOND: Council Member Greene

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VOTE: **FAILED** by a vote of 2 in favor to 8 in opposition (Mayor Colvin, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, and Council Members Davis, Jones, Haire, McNair, McMillan, and Hondros)

Discussion ensued regarding adding \$250,000.00 to the CIP for transit and that funding be added for pedestrian crosswalk improvements. The supplemental pedestrian plan does not include crosswalks at locations other than near the schools.

MOTION: **Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to put the \$250,000.00 that was originally budgeted for western expansion to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for non-FTA Transit benches and trash cans.**
SECOND: **Council Member Haire**
VOTE: **UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

MOTION: **Council Member Hondros moved to look at pedestrian crosswalks and match the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) crosswalks upon completion of the Cape Fear Regional Theatre project.**
SECOND: **Council Member Greene**
VOTE: **PASSED** by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (McMillan)

Discussion ensued regarding road resurfacing prioritization.

MOTION: **Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to accept the proposed balanced budget list and place on the consent agenda for the June 22, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: **Council Member Ferguson requested a friendly amendment to include funding for two mental health teams without vehicles**

Council Member Thompson accepted the friendly amendment.

SECOND: **Council Member Hondros**
VOTE: **PASSED** by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (McMillan)

Discussion ensued regarding adding an additional mental health team without vehicles at \$237,000.00 which would leave \$231,000.00 in ongoing budget capacity.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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Mayor