

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 23, 2026
6:30 P.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); 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
Roberto Bryan, Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Tiffany Murray, Chief Finance Officer
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Deonte Watson, Airport Deputy Director
David Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services Director
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner
Scott Walters, Senior Planner
David Scott, Communications Manager
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrative Supervisor
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Robbie Bittner, Partner with PBMares
David Cheatwood, Managing Director with First Tryon Advisors
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 Dr. Gregory Perkins, Associate Pastor with Mount Pisgah MBC.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Rylan Mack, Junior Mayor and members of FCYC presented an update on their recent work and introduced their "I Care Movement".

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to the City's Marketing & Communication department, recognizing Government Communicators Day.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to the City's Public Services Department recognizing National Engineers Week.

Council Member McNair presented proclamations in honor of Community Watch Leaders Day to Crime Prevention Specialist Ms. Marina Sullivan and Community Watch Leaders in District 7, Ms. Tawanna Robinson, Ms. Janell Chandler, Ms. Alice Williams, Ms. Doris McGee, Ms. Raquel Johnson, Mr. Dorrance Kennedy, Ms. Brenda Gordon, and Mr. Gregory Parks.

Council Member Jones presented Certificate of Excellence to the E.E. Smith Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coaches for winning the 2025 Cumberland County Holiday Classic Championship.

Mayor Colvin presented plaques to the Primetime Elite Bulldogs Football teams for their championship win at the American Youth Football League Championship in Naples, FL.

Council Member Hondros announced February is Heart Health Month and presented health heart habits.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson announced the AARP Black History Program will be at Bill Crisp Senior Center, 7560 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC, on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Resident must be 55 and older to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson announced the Fayetteville Liberty's inaugural basketball game against the Raleigh Firebirds on Friday, March 6, 2026, with halftime performer Petey Pablo.

Council Member Davis announced the United Way of Cumberland County has begun accepting applications for their Leadership Development Program.

Mayor Colvin announced that early voting ends for the primary election on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, announced the Office of Community Safety is currently accepting Requests for Proposals for Safe Space Activations. This initiative is designed to support community-led events in Fayetteville by providing safe spaces that intentionally foster trust among individuals from diverse communities and neighborhoods. These spaces offer people the opportunity to step away from cycles of violence and trauma, engage in positive interactions, and build pride within the community. We encourage all local organizations to submit a proposal. Proposals must be submitted by March 12, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Additionally, a virtual information session will be held on February 25th from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Dr. Hewett announced a community feedback session on February 24, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Massey Hill Recreation Center. Residents are invited to share input, perspectives, and priorities to help shape the Office of Community Safety's Strategic Plan. For more information, you can contact the office by email at OCS@fayettevillenc.gov or visit us online at www.cityoffayettevillenc.gov.

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda and move Item 11.01 - Presentation of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Results and Item 11.02 - Update from Financial Advisors on Debt Management and Market Conditions to be Items 8.04 and 8.05.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of 7.0A9 - Fire Station No. 16 (At the Corner of Cedar Creek Road and Fields Road) Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP #1) for Construction

SECOND: Council Member Hondros

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
February 4, 2026 – Strategic Planning Retreat
February 6, 2026 – Work Session
February 9, 2026 – Discussion of Agenda Items
February 9, 2026 – Regular

City Council approved the four draft meeting minutes.

7.0A2 Approve P26-01: A request to rezone property at 600 Hope Mills Rd (0416184349000), consisting of 3.72 acres and owned by LAFAYETTE LAND CORPORATION, from Office and Institutional (OI) to Limited Commercial (LC)

City Council approved a straight rezoning of 600 Hope Mills Road from Office & Institutional (OI) to Limited Commercial (LC) on a ±3.72-acre, publicly served infill parcel. The purpose is to develop a long-standing vacant property along the Hope Mills Road corridor.

On January 13, 2026, the Zoning Commission held a legislative hearing with one speaker in opposition and three in favor. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

7.0A3 Approve P26-02. A request to amend the MR-5/CZ conditional zoning conditions for property located at 0 Mount Rainer Rd and 0 Rock Creek Ln (PINS 0439300490000 and 0439302525000), consisting of 17.61 acres and owned by Northridge Towns, LLC, et al. to allow up to 200 residential units

City Council approved the proposed map amendment to the requested Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5/CZ) conditional zoning to allow up to 200 residential units on approximately 17.61 acres located at unaddressed Mount Rainer Road and unaddressed Rock Creek Lane.

On January 13 the Zoning Commission held a Legislative Hearing regarding this case. There were two speakers in favor, none in opposition. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

**7.0A4 Rescind Demolition Ordinances
820 Zadock Drive – District 8
2005 Murchison Road – District 4**

City Council adopted resolutions rescinding demolition ordinances for 820 Zadock Drive due to the owner repairing building and 2005 Murchison Road as the owner demolished.

Zadock Drive – District 8

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE RESCINDING DEMOLITION ORDINANCE NO. NS 2025-026. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-007

2005 Murchison Road

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE RESCINDING DEMOLITION ORDINANCE NO. NS 2025-034. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-008

**7.0A5 Approve Ordinances for Uninhabitable Structures: Demolition Recommendations
355 Dick Street – District 2
357 Dick Street – District 2
501 Jennings Farm Road – District 7
4070 Rosehill Road – District 3**

City Council adopted the demolition ordinances for four residential structures that have been determined to be dangerous.

355 Dick Street – District 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC, 355 DICK STREET, PIN 0437-61-1889. ORDINANCE NO. NS2026-005

357 Dick Street – District 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC, 357 DICK STREET, PIN 0437-61-1867. ORDINANCE NO. NS2026-006

501 Jennings Farm Road – District 7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC, 501 JENNINGS FARM ROAD, PIN 0407-36-2132. ORDINANCE NO. NS2026-007

4070 Rosehill Road – District 3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC, 4070 ROSEHILL ROAD, PIN 0429-77-1268. ORDINANCE NO. NS2026-008

7.0A6 Adopt Resolution Appointing Deputy Tax Collectors

City Council adopted a resolution appointing employees within the Finance Department, specifically the Collections Division Supervisor and Accounting Technicians, as deputy tax collectors to assist with the collection of City taxes and assessments.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE APPOINTING DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-009

7.0A7 Adopt Resolution to Accept a Report of Unpaid Taxes from Cumberland County and Direct the Advertisement of Tax Liens

City Council adopted a resolution to accept the report of unpaid taxes from Cumberland County and to authorize the advertisement of tax liens in accordance with North Carolina law.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF UNPAID TAXES AND DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX LIENS. RESOLUTION NO. R2026-010

7.0A8 Approval of the FY2026 Audit Contract and Annual Communications from the Independent Auditors Regarding the FY2026 Audit

City Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 audit contract and annual communications from the independent auditors regarding the FY2026 audit by PB Mares, LLP.

7.0A9 PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

7.0A10 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – Annual Contract for Overhead Distribution

City Council approved the award for the Annual Contract for Overhead Distribution to River City Construction, LLC, Washington, NC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and in the best interest of PWC, in the total amount of \$6,641,481.51, and authorize the CEO and General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

7.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

7.0B9 Fire Station No. 16 (At the Corner of Cedar Creek Road and Fields Road) Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP #1) for Construction

Council Member Greene requested an overview of the Fire Station No. 16, what a Guaranteed Maximum Price is and what the difference is between a Construction-Manager-at-Risk (CMR) and an Owner's Advisor. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Ed Green and Jonathan Best with Barr and Barr, who is the Construction Manager at Risk and Mr. Brian Roof with Cumming Group as Owner's Advisor. Mr. Green stated an Owner's Advisor works as a fiduciary for the City to monitor Barr and Barr. The contract for preconstruction allows the City to understand the budget, construction, and schedule throughout the project. CMR can prequalify all the subcontractors working on the project. Mr. Roof stated the Cumming Group establishes best practices and boundaries for the project while protecting the budget and schedule.

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to authorize City Manager negotiate and enter into a contract for GMP #1 with Barr & Barr/HORUS Construction.
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8.01 Receive Airport Commission Annual Report

Ms. Liza Hondros, Airport Commission Chair, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of operations that included a total of 340,542 passengers flown from the Fayetteville airport, primarily for business or personal. The airport continues to actively recruit carriers, to expand routes and work towards long-term relationships. The first art exhibit at the airport is on display called *Multi-Facets* which strengthens community connection to the airport. Parking lighting has been improved for visibility, safety, and energy efficiency. Current and upcoming capital improvement projects were presented, such as the Airport Masterplan, North General aviation pavement reconstruction, rehabilitation of two taxiways, and the Watson Lake land acquisition.

Mayor Colvin asked if the use of only federal funds instead of local funds has slowed expansion. Mr. Andrew LaGala, Airport Director stated each of the efforts are strategized on how to use funds. The airport uses federal, state, then local funding, dependent upon the project and the strategy needed. Discussion ensued about the masterplan.

MOTION: Council Member McNair moved to accept the Airport Commission Annual Report
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Hondros' vote counted in the affirmative due to unexcused absence.)

8.02 Receive the FY25 – Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department and Commission Annual Report

Ms. Yamile Nazar, Human Relations Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the primary awareness of the commission is to heighten awareness of cultural issues. The department partners with businesses, civil rights enforcement, equal opportunity transit oversight, investigations, assist and consult on internal and external matters, project management support, complaint resolution, and enforcement over fair housing law.

Ms. Nazar presented an overview of the board, Community Recognition Awards Luncheon, Denim Day Luncheon, endowment fund scholarship award (which is from money raised at the luncheons), and Dining and Dialogue.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to accept the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department and Commission Annual Report
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.03 Receive Community Police Advisory Board Report

Ms. Treasure Heffney, Interim Vice Chair of Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation and stated the board provides connections between the Police Department and the community. CPAB provides a venue for residents to share concerns on public safety and this is being done through the survey. Dr. Gregory Perkins, CPAB Chair, stated the focus for 2026 is to continue to align CPAB goals with the strategic plan, find innovative ways to connect with residents, collaborate with community organizations, and continue to review the Police Department's policies.

CPAB is currently completing recommended updates to the charter and will provide those updates to Council for review in the future. The recommended updates include self-governance and meeting decorum, relations with the Office of Community Safety, and creating accountability measures.

Council Member McMillan stated he appreciates the effort and work of the board and its transparency.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to accept the Community Police Advisory Annual Report and bring their goals and bylaws to the Policy Committee.
SECOND: Council Member Greene
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.04 Presentation of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Results

Ms. Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mr. Robert Bittner, Partner with PBMares, LLP, to present the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Results.

Mr. Bittner provided an overview of the components of the financial report. There are four types of opinions, and the City received an unmodified - clean opinion, which is the highest level of assurance. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that is a requirement to issue an opinion for an audit was not released until after the government shutdown at the end of November. However, the audit was on time and in accordance with local government rules this year.

Mr. Bittner provided an overview of types of deficiencies and weaknesses. There were two material weaknesses in internal control; one regarding year-end journal entry classification and one regarding bank reconciliation and system set up. Management has provided corrective action plans and implementation dates for the items. The prior year's deficiencies have been corrected. Major programs tested were Covid Funds, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Federal Transit Cluster, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), and Powell Bill, and there was no material instances of non-compliance or material weaknesses within the programs. Mr. Bittner provided an overview of the required auditors communication AU-C 260.

PBMares is an external auditor hired by the City and provides recommendations to management but does not make management decisions. This is separate from Internal Audit, as they can make an audit plan and changes to the departments.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to accept the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Results
SECOND: Council Member Jones
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.05 Update from Financial Advisors on Debt Management and Market Conditions

Ms. Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mr. David Cheatwood, Managing Director at First Tryon Advisors, to give an update on finances and debt capacity. As financial advisor they help the City with long-term financial planning and bond planning.

Mr. Cheatwood provided an overview of the \$97 million general obligation (GO) bonds for public safety, public infrastructure, and housing. The City is preparing the first tranche of the bonds of \$40 million with \$15 million towards public safety and the full \$25 million for public infrastructure. The bonds will be issued at a premium with an expected return of \$43,314,200.00. The bonds will be sold at a competitive basis at an estimated interest rate of 3.59 percent (%) for 20-year borrowing and is a good interest rate. The estimated repayment of principal and interest peaks at \$3.8 million and goes down each year. The debt will be repaid from 1.6 cents of the current tax rate, and the City has positioned itself very well to repay the bond. The public infrastructure bond will be repaid by a portion of the license plate fee.

Next steps for the GO Bond are to finalize the audit and submit it to the Local Government Commission (LGC) as part of the offering document. The bonds will be sold on a competitive basis on March 24, 2026, with closing on April 15, 2026.

The City received the 2nd highest rating possible from each agency. Moody rates credit based on economy at 30%, finances at 30%, management at 10%, and leverage at 30%. S&P rates based on economy, financial performance, reserves and liquidity, management, debt and liability all at 20%.

Upon issuance of the bonds the City will have approximately \$122 million outstanding total debt through GO Bonds, limited obligation bonds (LOBs), installment financing, and

stormwater system revenue bonds. The plan is to issue the affordable housing in Spring 2027, and the remaining Public Safety bond in Spring 2029.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to receive the update from financial advisors on debt management and market conditions

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

9.01 Update on Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park project is moving well and the MLK Committee has turned in the documents to permitting that are needed to begin turning the project over to the City. Staff will begin moving forward on putting the project out to bid. The spire has moved from the top of the park to the corner of Washington Drive and Blue Street. The spire is designed to have four steel pylons, arranged in cruciform, without a flame, but will have lighting to simulate flames, at a height of 120 -136 feet. The area will also include landscaping and allow for future phases, if the MLK Committee chooses to do so.

Council Member Haire stated the MLK Committee website provides background on the design and project.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to accept the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park report

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.02 2025 Annual Report – Fire Department

Mr. Kevin Dove, Fire Chief, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the 2025 4th quarter review with a total of 7,856 total incidents, the Fire Marshal's Office completing 3,966 inspections, and 314 smoke alarms installed.

2025 highlights included 245 applicants for the 2026 hiring process with 63 percent (%) of the applicants being in the underrepresented population, a new crisis response dog program with Griffith and Lucy will be starting soon, Fire Marshal's Office increased inspectors and examiners, reducing the backlog from 3,500 to 368, hosted the teen summer camp "Camp Ready", offered new cancer screenings and engaged 15 youth in the "youth fire setting" program.

The Fire Department had 29,617 calls in 2025, with August being the busiest and medical calls making up 64% of all calls. The total response time increased by 30 seconds from 7:00 to 7:33, but it was due to travel time and not because of alarm control or turnout time; staff are reviewing ways to decrease the time. Fire responses decreased but structure fires and fires starting in kitchen increased. There were three civilian fire fatalities, where each one did not have working fire alarms. The top fire losses included one commercial and two residential properties. Medical calls have increased, but there was a reduction by almost half in overdose response.

At the end of 2025 there were eleven total vacancies, ten uniform positions and one civilian non-public safety position. There are currently 63 remaining on eligibility list and four reinstatements. Hiring, career development and training information was presented. The Fire Marshal's Office plans review increased and the top five code violations were presented. Educational materials on the common fire code violations have been created and distributed as pamphlets, ads, and via social media. Over 30,000 people were engaged through community risk reduction events.

Chief Dove reminded everyone that smoke alarms save lives, and the City will provide and install smoke alarms for free. They can be requested through filling out an online form or by calling 910-433-1116.

Chief Dove stated the Youth Fire Setting program was created for troubled youth that are setting fires. When someone is identified, the Fire Department will work with the individual on intervention, education, and follow-up. If there is anyone that has a concern, please call the Community Risk Reduction Office at 910-433-1116. Fayetteville is one of the few departments in the region that does the Youth Fire Setting Program and has extended the program to the county, municipalities, and other areas within the region that request assistance.

Council Member Hondros asked how speed humps affect response times for fire trucks. Chief Dove stated speed humps delay response times and can damage apparatus because they are so heavy with water and equipment, however, there is no study showing this data.

Chief Dove stated the fall academy is graduating on March 5, 2026, that has 18 firefighters, and a new class started last week.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to accept 2025 Annual Fire Department Report

SECOND: Council Member Ferguson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.03 Fayetteville Police Department 2025 4th Quarter Review

Mr. Roberto Bryan, Police Chief, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the total numbers for 2025 on personal crimes, property crimes, felony arrests, and misdemeanor arrests with total crime down by 7.20 percent (%) and arrests up by 1.35%. There was an increase of over 15% in homicide incidents, but rape and aggravated assault are down over 10%. The Homicide Unit investigated 35 homicide incidents with 37 victims, 41 overdose incidents, and 31 suicides. The national homicide solve rate is 61% and the Fayetteville Homicide Unit is at an 89% solve rate. Domestic violence aggravated assaults have also decreased, most significantly in misdemeanors by 25%. This was done by ensuring victims are receiving assistance from the Phoenix Center as well as following up with the victims after receiving assistance.

ShotSpotter had 478 alerts with 18 weapons recovered, 14 arrests and 508 shell casings were recovered. The shell casings are input into a database to help connect weapons with shell casings from different incidents.

Property Crimes are also down, with the highest reduction in motor vehicle thefts at 12%. This is part due to a task force that was created to focus on motor vehicle thefts. Juvenile field contact has increased by 62% from 2024 to 2025, with a correlation of significant increases in juvenile robbery by 100%, assaults by 50% and drug incidents by 12%. The Police Department is partnering with the Office of Community Safety to work on addressing these issues. The youth curfew had 35 field contacts with 8 total incidents charged.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit has 18 officers in the schools and the SRO's responded to 602 calls for service within the school year: 271 at high schools, 155 at middle schools, and 176 at elementary, with a total of 184 documented incidents.

Chief Bryan presented information on the federal and state task force partnerships; the number of narcotics seized; and the 911 telecommunications calls for service.

There were 32 traffic fatalities resulting from 28 accidents. Chief Bryan stated the goal is to reduce the traffic fatalities by double. A total of 52,395 traffic stops were initiated with a breakdown of 17,687 white drivers, 32,501 black drivers, and 2,207 other drivers. Out of the 1,131 black drivers searched, 707 drugs and 294 weapons were seized; out of the 266 white drivers searched, 165 drugs and 41 weapons were seized; and out of the 54 other drivers searched, 40 drugs and 13 weapons were seized.

Internal affairs reviewed 68 uses of force, 77 internal department investigations and received 32 complaints and 36 compliments. From internal investigations there were 121 exonerations, 122 sustained allegations, and 5 sustained violations other than the complaint, 8 un-sustained allegations, and 22 unfounded investigations. Based on the investigations, disciplinary actions can include coaching and training action, policy warning, oral counseling, written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or dismissal/termination. Chief Bryan reviewed the current departmental staffing and stated there are 23 vacancies and are on track to be filled by April of this year. This does not include the 38 frozen positions.

Chief Bryan presented information Faith in Action, which had contact with 983 residents focusing on addressing concerns of addiction, poverty, and mental health. Photos from multiple community events were presented which included the Blessing of the Badge, Coats for Kids, a shredding event for residents, and participation in the annual Christmas parade.

Discussion ensued regarding the youth curfew, speeding and speed centuries, weapons in vehicles, SROs, and technology upgrades.

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to accept Police Department 2025 4th Quarter Report

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.01 P25-30: A request to rezone 2211 Rosehill Road (0438470005000), consisting of 21.27 acres and owned by Cross Creek Refuse LLC, from Single Family Residential 6 (SF-6) to Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5). (Tabled from August 25 and October 27, 2025)

This item was presented by Mr. Craig Harmon, Senior Planner, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated this hearing was originally heard by the Zoning Commission and was denied and was appealed by the applicant. The request is to rezone a 21.27-acre property from Single Family Residential 6 (SF-6) to Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5). The property is located at Rosehill Road and Melvin Place, and backs up to Big Cross Creek. The Land Use plan calls for medium density residential with conservation in connection to the 100-year floodplain. The property is currently wooded and surrounded by residential homes, churches, a cemetery, and commercial properties. The MR-5 zoning is consistent with medium density residential and aligns with surrounding development. The size, location and proximity to existing infrastructure make it suitable for this type of density. Mr. Harmon stated the Planning Staff recommended approval, but the Zoning Commission denied the rezoning due to safety concerns. Mr. Harmon stated while the developer's current decision is to develop only a section of it, they may change the development after approval.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time; the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Jonathan Charleston, 201 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in favor of this item.

Mr. Claudio Sanchez, 2522 Coxshire Lane, Davidsonville, MD, yielded his time to Mr. Jonathan Charleston.

Mr. Aerial Chatman, 111 Person Street, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

Mr. Elmer Floyd, 207 Courtney Street, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

Ms. Cynthia Leeks, 715 Topeka Street, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

Ms. Johnette Henderson, 2072 Seneca Drive, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

Ms. Fenicha Graham, 209 Courtney Street, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

Mr. Freddie Robertson, 2335 Rosehill Road, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to approve the straight rezoning of 2211 Rosehill Road from Single Family Residential 6 to Mixed Residential 5 consistent with future land use plan as demonstrated by the consistency and reasonability statement

SECOND: Council Member Greene

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Jones, Haire, and McMillan)

Mayor Colvin recessed the meeting at 11:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:13 p.m.

10.02 Public Hearing on Text Amendment to Update UDO Section 30-5.L - Signage

This item was presented by Mr. Scott Walters, Senior Planner, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated there are ten proposed text amendments. The proposed text amendments are not a major deviation from what is current in the ordinance or what was in the ordinances in the past. They are primarily for clarification or to reduce the burden to residents to get a sign permit, as well as add flexibility to the ordinance.

The sign code revision was adopted by City Council in June 2025, which made several changes to the way the code would be applied. After implementation, Development Services staff identified issues and prepared adjustments that would improve the way the code is applied in particular situations. The text amendments TA26-01 are as follows:

- 30-5.L.7.c., Temporary Sign Registration, remove the registration process requirements.
- 30-5.L.5.D., Motion Signs, remove the word “Banners” from the prohibited 30-5.L.5.D Motion Signs section
- 30-5.L.8.B.4., Directional and Circulation Signage (Permit Required), move this section to 30-5.L.6 Exempt Signs section
- 30-9.D., Sign, Pole (Definition), add the words “which places the copy area of the sign (10) feet or more above grade level”.
- Change the following sections text verbiage into a table format: 30.5.L.8.B.1.b., Ground Signs, 30.5.L.8.B.1.c., Pole Signs, 30.5.L.8.B.2.b., Wall Signs, and 30.5.L.8.B.6., Billboards
- 30-5.L.8.A., Permanent Signs Permitted within Residential Zoning Districts, add section (5) Non-residential Uses within Residential Zoning District – non-residential uses may have (1) wall sign not to exceed 32 square feet in copy area. The sign may be externally or internally illuminated. Except that no illumination is permitted when facing a residentially zoned property or use within (50) feet of the property line and section (6) Governmental Uses within Residential Zoning Districts – governmental uses include but no limited to; police or fire stations, resource center, recreation centers, and public or private schools licensed through the State of North Carolina, may use the signage regulations as listed in Office and Industrial (O&I) Zoning District
- 30-5.L.8.B.2.a.1., Building Mounted Signs, proposing one of three options. Option 1: No more than (1) building mounted sign excluding window signs, may be displayed per building evaluation; Option 2: remove the limit on the number of signs and use a total square footage for the building, In Office Industrial (OI), and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) 50 square feet total. The remaining non-residential zoning district would be 500 square feet total; or Option 3: Limit the overall number of signs per building to between 3 and 5 with no limit on the total square footage per building. This would use the 1 square foot per 1 linear or 10 percent (%) of the wall area rule to regulate the sign size. The Planning Commission recommended option 2.
- 30-5.L.8.B.2.c., Canopy and Awning Signs, add an additional item stating except that free standing canopies may have (2) wall signs with a copy area of (1) square foot per (1) linear foot of the elevation that the sign is placed on.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time; the public hearing was opened. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

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MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the proposed text amendments after review of City Attorney's Office

SECOND: Council Member Hondros

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Council Member Hondros requested a friendly amendment to add option 3 to section 9

Council Member Haire accepted the friendly amendment.

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

10.03 Adopting Council Policy 160.09.2 – The Policy for Residents to Request “No Parking” in Multi-Use Lanes

This item was presented by Mr. Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated this is for no parking in multi-use lanes. Mr. McGill provided multiple examples. The proposed City Council Policy 160.09.2 would state that “No Parking” can be requested by residents in multi-use lanes; the no parking request would be evaluated on a block-by-block basis and both sides of the road, regardless of which side(s) the no parking is requested for, with a signature threshold of 70% from owners, renters, or tenants via mailed ballot cards to the no parking area. Once in place, a no parking zone cannot be rescinded until it has been in place for one (1) year.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time; the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Melene Hatcher, 2909 Mirror Lake Drive, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in opposition of this item.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Discussion ensued regarding how this request originated, the need to disclose no parking for realtors, and the ability for homeowners to park in front of their homes.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to send City Council Policy 160.09.2 - The Process for Residents to Request "No Parking" in Multi-Use Lanes to the Policy Committee

Died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to deny the proposed City Council Policy 160.09.2 - The Process for Residents to Request "No Parking" in Multi-Use Lanes

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Mayor Colvin)

11.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

11.01 MOVED TO ITEM 8.04

11.02 MOVED TO ITEM 8.05

11.03 Murchison Choice Neighborhoods 2025 Grant Application Partnership Certification and Leverage Letter

Mr. Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided the history and current overview of Murchison Choice Neighborhoods grant application and stated the process was started in 2020 that leverages public and private funding to improve the Murchison Road community. Visions for the project include creating a community of learning, growing green, and embracing the history and culture of the community. The grant funding was reduced from \$50 million to \$26 million and limited the applicant pool by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Residents have rights to relocation benefits and to be the first to come back to the development, and to be involved in the entire process. There are a proposed 323 mixed income rental units, 35 homeownership units, 35 residential façade upgrades, and 30 business façade upgrades. The partnerships include the City as the lead applicant and neighborhood implementation lead with the Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority as co-lead, Urban Strategies will serve as the people implementation lead and Pennrose will serve as the housing implementation lead. The partnership certification lays out what organizations will do what under Choice Neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a leverage letter and the City Manager to sign a partnership agreement detailing the roles and responsibilities of each Murchison Choice lead entity.

SECOND: Council Member Jones

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

12.01 Fayetteville State University Update on Memorandum of Understanding for Catalyst Site 1

Consensus of City Council was to move this item to a future work session.

12.02 Receive an Administrative Report on the Day Resource Center for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026

This item was for information only and not presented.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCH COLVIN
Mayor