

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 9, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3) (arrived at 5:36 p.m.); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7) (arrived at 5:46 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Member D.J. Haire (District 4); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Kimberly Leonard, Budget & Evaluation Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Albert Baker, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic
Development Corporation President & CEO
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the June 9, 2025, meeting.

Council Member Hondros stated both the listing and selling agents for Item 9.01 - P25-13: Notice of Appeal of a request to rezone from SF-10 to LC at 549 Stacy Weaver Drive (REID #0530028255000, and a portion of 0530120415000) owned by Paul Thompson Development Corp. (Appeal of a Zoning Commission Denial are from his firm and asked if he would need to be recused. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated since he does not have a financial gain he will not need to recuse himself.

Council Member Greene requested an explanation of the review process for grant awardees in Item 9.01 - Public Hearing to Award Round 1 Can Do Performance Financing Program Funding. Discussion ensued. Mr. Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation President & CEO, stated background checks are completed to include a review of information on the Secretary of State's website, a credit report is pulled, and a review of possible lawsuits is completed.

Council Member Thompson asked for clarification on budget items in Item 10.02 - Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance, the FY 2025-2026 Fee Schedule, FY 2025-2026 Capital Project Ordinances, Special Project Ordinances, Amendments, and Close-Outs. Council Member Benavente requested that Item 10.02 and 10.03 - Youth Protection Safety Ordinance - Implementation Strategy be reversed so that Council can hear the implementation strategy and verify if any additional funding is needed before the budget item. Discussion

ensued.

Council Member Benavente stated he would like to request an extension of the time for the public forum in order to allow everyone to speak. Council Member Davis requested the City Council Policies Review Committee discuss the possibility of a policy requiring a public hearing for all ordinances.

Ms. Pulliam stated Item 10.01 - Proposed Nuisance Party Ordinance is presented tonight for the second reading and per the City Code, Section 2-4, subsection F, when a second reading is required by law for passage of an item, there shall be no debate on the second reading.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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MITCH COLVIN
Mayor