

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
APRIL 28, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Loren Bymer, Marketing and Communications Director
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development Director
Christopher Cauley, Economic & Community Development
Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Brian McGill, Assistant Interim Public Services
Director
Joshua Hall, Police Department Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Department Attorney
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Council
Christopher Williams, Management Analyst
Timothy Smith, PWC General Counsel
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Pastor Joe Johnson with Insoul Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Jacqueline Abbott, Community Development Specialist, was recognized for receiving the Spirit of North Carolina Award for her exceptional leadership on the city's United Way Campaign.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to the Economic and Community Development staff in honor of Community Development Month.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Mr. Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development Director, and City Staff in honor of Public Service Week.

Mayor Colvin presented the Key to the City to Mr. Roosevelt Pratt, Jr., in grateful recognition of his devoted interest and untiring commitment to the Community.

Mayor Colvin presented the Key to the City to Bishop Dr. Mark Rowden in grateful recognition of his 23 years of devoted interest and unwavering commitment to the Community.

Council Member Thompson stated Jack Britt High School created a display at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Council Member Thompson stated eight youth individuals from the B&B Bowling Center are traveling to Green Bay, Wisconsin, for the US Youth Bowling Championship and wished them luck at the championship.

Council Member Davis invited Mr. Nathan Cuffee, Fayetteville NEXT Chair, and Lequita Miller, Fayetteville NEXT Vice Chair to introduce the 2nd annual Fayetteville NEXT Generation Business Summit. Mr. Cuffee stated the Summit will be held on May 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Sign up is open to the public through the City website or on the Fayetteville NEXT social media pages.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin invited Ms. Kaylynn Suarez, Fayetteville Dogwood Festival Executive Director, to provide an update on the festival that took place April 25-27, 2025. Ms. Suarez provided an update on the 2025 Dogwood Festival and reiterated that safety must always be a top priority. Through sponsorships, the Festival raised \$100,000.00, and the estimated cost of the festival is \$150,000.00-\$175,000.00. The estimated number of attendees is still being calculated, and Ms. Suarez will provide those once they are received.

Council Member Haire announced the 8th annual HBCU College Fair is taking place on August 16, 2025, from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Crown Expo Center.

Council Member Benavente announced May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month; the Fayetteville Korean Baptist Church, 6873 Cliffdale Road, is hosting the first annual Korean Food Festival on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers Street, the City will be hosting Fayetteville Outfront to answer topics of current concern.

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 7.0A14 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fayetteville in Support of Preserving Powell Bill Funding for Cities with Populations over 150,000.

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 7.0A11 - Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Acquire a 3.46 Acre Parcel of Real Property Located on Bonanza Drive for the Fire Department's Station 9 and Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funding, Item 7.0A12 - Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Blocking of Streets and Sidewalks, and Item 7.0A14 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fayetteville in Support of Preserving Powell Bill Funding for Cities with Populations over 150,000

SECOND: Council Member Benavente

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April 7, 2025 - Work Session

April 8, 2025 - Special

April 9, 2025 - Special

April 14, 2025 - Discussion of Agenda Items

April 14, 2025 - Regular

- 7.0A2 P25-06: A request to rezone 2006 Hope Mills Road (0416122720000), owned by Isauro Ramirez and represented by Zelidee Hernandez, from Single Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC)**

The City Council approved the rezoning request for 0.28 acres located at 2006 Hope Mills Road from Single Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The request aligns with the property's access to public water and sewer services and seeks to repurpose the existing structure with minimal redevelopment. The Future Land Use Plan designates the area as Office Institutional (OI), and commercial businesses are located to the north, south, and directly across the street.

- 7.0A3 P25-07. A request to rezone 0, 4716, 4716, 4717, and 4719 Morris St (REID 0417018075000, 0417019117000, 0417016209000, 0417016144000, and 0417016233000), owned by DPGP Investments LLC and Price/Fischer Family Properties LLC, from Single-Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Community Commercial (CC).**

The City Council approved the rezoning request for five parcels located along Morris Street from Single Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Community Commercial (CC). The rezoning request aligns with both the surrounding area's development trends and the City's Future Land Use Plan.

- 7.0A4 P25-08. A request to rezone unaddressed Baltosrol Ln (REID 0439908680000), owned by Mitchell Lewis Nance, from Single Family Residential 6 (SF-6) and Single-Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5).**

The City Council approved the rezoning request for 10.71 acres located on Baltosrol Lane from Single-Family Residential 6 (SF-6) and Single-Family Residential 10 (SF-10) to Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5). The rezoning request aligns with the City's Future Land Use Plan, which designates the area for Medium Density Residential development.

7.0A5 Uninhabitable Structures: Demolition Recommendations

206 Campbell Avenue District 2

816 E. Orange Street District 2

1083 North Street District 2

850 Van Dyke Place District 7

The demolition ordinances are for three residential buildings deemed dangerous and one residential building identified as a blight.

206 Campbell Avenue

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, 206 CAMPBELL AVENUE, PIN 0437-61-1518. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-010

816 E. Orange Street

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, 816 E. ORANGE STREET, PIN 0437-59-9146. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-011

1083 North Street

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, 1083 NORTH STREET, PIN 0438-70-0854. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-012

850 Van Dyke Place

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, 850 VAN DYKE PLACE, PIN 9487-61-9452. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-013

7.0A6 Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Permanent and Temporary Easements on Property Needed for the Sessoms Street Drainage Improvement Project

The City Council approved the condemnation of permanent and temporary easements on a 38.05-acre parcel off Campbell Avenue. The property owner, AOM II, LLC, was initially offered \$8,004.00 for 9,697 square feet of permanent drainage easement and 13,778 square feet of temporary construction easement. The owner rejected the offer and asked that the City start the condemnation process.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS ON PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR THE SESSOMS STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-014

7.0A7 Resolution Authorizing Municipal Agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Improvements on Bragg Blvd, Bonanza Drive, Country Club Drive, Morganton Road, Santa Fe Drive, Stacey Weaver Drive, Bunce Road, Bingham Drive, and Cliffdale Road.

The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing two municipal agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for grant funds awarded from the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for sidewalk projects on Bragg Boulevard, Bonanza Drive, Country Club Drive, Morganton Road, Santa Fe Drive, Stacey Weaver Drive, Bunce Road, Bingham Drive, and Cliffdale Road. These projects include the installation of pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and accessible curb ramps. The City will fund 20 percent of the cost to install the sidewalks.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SIDEWALK PROJECTS INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE OF REIMBURSEMENTS WITH SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-015

7.0A8 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Additional Grant Funding for the Ivy & Lyon Road Drainage Improvements

The City Council adopted Capital Project Ordinance Amendment (CPOA) 2025-45 to appropriate \$910,000.00 from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) as part of the Flood Resiliency Blueprint initiative for Ivy and Lyon Road Drainage

Improvement Project. The total grant funding amount for the project is \$4,410,000.00.

7.0A9 Adoption of the FY2025 Audit Contract and Annual Communications from the Independent Auditors Regarding the FY2025 Audit

The City Council approved the Audit Committee's recommendation of contracting PBMares, LLP for the FY2025 Audit Contract for a cost not to exceed \$175,000.00.

7.0A10 Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment, Capital Project Ordinance and Special Revenue Ordinance to Appropriate Federal Transit Administration Grant NC-2025-021-00 and the Required Local Match

The City Council adopted Budget Ordinance Amendment (BOA) 2025-13, Capital Project Ordinance (CPOA) 2025-43, and Special Revenue Ordinance (SRO) 2025-18. The operating grant portion of the FTA grant was originally projected at \$2,740,000.00 in the FY25 budget. The actual award amount is \$2,509,000.00. Therefore, the FY25 budget ordinance is being amended, with BOA 2025-13, to reduce appropriations by \$231,000.00 due to the shortfall in the project grant. There are also two other components to the grant, which include \$950,800.00 of federal grant funding and requiring a \$240,200.00 local match for various capital projects, and \$172,000.00 of federal grant funding with a required \$43,000.00 local match for planning activities, safety-related projects, and employee training. The required local matches for the projects will be provided by a transfer from the Transit Operating Fund.

7.0A11 This item was pulled for a separate vote.

7.0A12 This item was pulled for a separate vote.

7.0A13 PWC - Adopt Resolution of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina to Accept a State Loan Offer Under the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

The City Council, at the request of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC), adopted a resolution to accept a loan provided by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). NCDEQ has offered PWC a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Emerging Contaminants (DWSRF-EC) loan with principal forgiveness totaling \$500,000.00 for the PO Hoffer and Glenville Lake WTP GAC Facilities Design project. The loan terms for PO Hoffer and Glenville Lake WTP GAC Facilities Design project are 100 percent principal forgiveness and a two percent closing fee.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO APPROVE A STATE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS LOAN OFFER UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-016

7.0A14 This item was pulled for a separate vote.

7.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

7.0B11 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Acquire a 3.46 Acre Parcel of Real Property Located on Bonanza Drive for the Fire Department's Station 9 and Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funding

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to recuse Council Member Hondros from 7.0B11.
SECOND: Council Member Jensen
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager execute the Option to Purchase Agreement and all related

documents necessary to acquire a 3.46-acre parcel on Bonanza Drive as the proposed new site for Fire Station 9 and adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment (CPOA) 2025-46 to appropriate \$1,718,550.00 of general obligation bonds, \$1,699,500.00 for the purchase price and \$19,050.00 for due diligence and transaction related expenses.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACQUIRE 3.46 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON BONANZA DRIVE FOR FIRE STATION 9. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-017

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Option to Purchase Agreement and all related documents necessary to acquire the parcel; and adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment (CPOA) 2025-46 to appropriate \$1,718,550 of general obligation bonds.

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.0B12 Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Blocking of Streets and Sidewalks

Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated the proposed ordinance makes it unlawful for individuals to impede the flow of traffic on streets and block sidewalks. The penalty is \$50.00 and could be punishable as a Class III Misdemeanor, which would make it a crime, and the effective date would be May 26, 2025.

Discussion ensued.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. ORDINANCE NO. S2025-009

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to remit this item back to the City Attorney's office to include a warning process.

SECOND: Council Member McNair

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 3 in favor to 7 in opposition (Mayor Colvin and Council Members Jensen, Davis, Haire, Greene, Thompson, and Hondros)

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to adopt the proposed ordinance as drafted

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Benavente, McNair, and Banks-McLaughlin)

7.0B14 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fayetteville in Support of Preserving Powell Bill Funding for Cities with Populations over 150,000

Ms. Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager, stated this is a resolution to support the preservation of the Powell Bill funding. There is a proposal in the State budget that would eliminate Powell Bill funding for municipalities with populations over 150,000. Last year, the City received almost \$6.9 million in Powell Bill Funds, which was used for street repaving and preservation. It requires amending the agenda tonight because it is unknown when the House will take up the Senate draft budget, and want to ensure the legislators understand the importance of the funding for our city. Staff worked with the City's state consultant and in coordination with other large municipalities. The resolution will go to all legislators as we work to educate and ensure the local delegation receives it first.

Discussion ensued.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE IN
SUPPORT OF PRESERVING POWELL BILL FUNDING FOR CITIES WITH
POPULATION OVER 150,000. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-018**

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to adopt the resolution as drafted.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.0 STAFF REPORTS

8.01 Receive the FY 2025 3rd Quarter Financial Update

Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the City's financial health is strong and the General Fund is performing as expected. The City operates in a cashflow deficit early in the year, and then the gap is closed in the second and third quarters. The General Fund revenues are where staff expect, however, staff will continue to watch the unrestricted intergovernmental revenues, which is trailing behind what was spent in 2024. The General Fund expenditures by department were presented and are in line with expectations. Mr. Yates stated the estimated vacancy savings will be about \$13 million for the 3rd quarter, but it will change as summer hirings begin.

The close of the fiscal year will be presented in October. The transparency portal is in development and is planned to launch after July 1, 2025, which is an interactive, real-time look at the City's finances. City staff have increased efforts to collect uncollected accounts, which include more aggressive use of debt setoff and collections, and working on accounts receivable with departments.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to receive the FY 2025 3rd Quarter Financial Update.

SECOND: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.02 Presentation of Recommended FY2025-26 through FY2030-31 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated there will be a budget work session for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Staff set guidelines and processes built on the Council's strategic priorities. The CIP is capacity-driven to ensure a balanced program from FY2026- 2031. There are \$446.8 million of recommended projects through FY2026, and \$664.2 million in total projects through FY2031. Staff recommend 132 projects for closures, allowing \$9.2 million to be reallocated. The core principles for evaluating projects are: complete what has been started, ensure the financial capacity to deliver, maintain the City's assets, ensure financial durability, sustainability, and market capacity within the local workforce.

The recommended dedicated tax rates are below revenue neutral for the Parks and Recreation GO Bond Rate and Public Safety and Housing GO Bond Rate. The Dedicated Capital Improvement Rate recommendation and the recommendation for the total dedicated tax rate for capital is also above revenue neutral. The funding sources for the CIP were presented and are an estimated total of \$91 million for FY2026.

Mr. Yates stated there are some risks to the CIP, such as geopolitical, political, economic, market, and organizational capacity.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to receive the Recommended FY2025-26 through FY2030-31 Capital Improvement Program report.

SECOND: Council Member McNair

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0) (Council Member Benavente's unexcused absence counted as an affirmative vote)

8.03 Receive the Fayetteville Fire Department 2025 First Quarter Review

Mr. Kevin Dove, Fire Chief, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the first quarter has been very exciting. Highlights from the first quarter include the first-ever firefighter cancer screening has been completed for every firefighter, 444 smoke alarms and 100 carbon monoxide alarms were installed, received a replacement hazmat apparatus, received replacements for Engines 16 and 17, and a crisis response dog program will be starting soon through Paws4People. There were three retirements and nine promotions.

Chief Dove presented an update on Operations for call volume, incidents, response times, and fire statistics. There were seven civilian fire injuries, ten fires were intentionally set, and staff now document psychological stressful events and have documented 716 firefighter exposures. Documenting these events ensures firefighters receive the resources they need. Chief Dove also provided updates on vacancies, demographics, and hiring statistics. The Fire Marshal's Office has increased fire inspections. The most common violations are fire extinguisher inspections, electrical hazards, and exit/egress concerns. Community involvement opportunities and events were presented. Two staff members have become trained and certified in youth fire setter interventions to address the underlying issues of youth who start fires. Fayetteville is the first in the region to have the intervention certification and has been asked by neighboring agencies to assist.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to receive the Fayetteville Fire Department 2025 First Quarter Review.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.04 Receive the Fayetteville Police Department 2025 First Quarter Review

Mr. Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the men and women who serve the community are well-trained and prepared to respond to emergencies, and he is proud of the officers' quick response to the gunfire over the weekend. The Police Department works with local, state, and federal partners to ensure the safety of attendees, create a sense of security at events, and conduct after-action reviews of all events to verify what has been done well and what can be done better.

Chief Joyce presented crime statistics, crime trend analysis, crime-fighting strategies, Soundthinking, federal partnerships, and community engagement. Overall, total crime is down by 21 percent. Traffic stops are down by 4.65 percent, crimes against society are down by 11 percent, and criminal apprehension is down by .05 percent. However, homicides are up by 366 percent, with 14 incidents and 16 victims for the first quarter. Property crime, with burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, robbery, and all other property crimes, were presented. Juvenile Crime data on custody orders, field contacts, and incident reports were reviewed. There are nine school resource officers in the high schools and 58 traffic control officers. Officers have responded to 1,487 calls for services since the beginning of the school year and have documented 359 incident reports.

Chief Joyce provided an overview of the Narcotics Vice Suppression seizures; cocaine, meth, marijuana, and firearms were down, but fentanyl/heroin were on the rise. Homelessness, 911 communications, traffic enforcement, search rates, internal affairs, use of force, departmental staffing, and community involvement data were presented.

Discussion ensued regarding technology opportunities, attracting qualified candidates, the decreased crime trend, and funding opportunities.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to receive the Fayetteville Police Department 2025 First Quarter Review
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.01 Adoption of 2025-2029 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grants, and Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS, and updated Citizen Participation Plan

Mr. Christopher Cauley, Community and Economic Development Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated, the consolidated plan and action plan help support community improvements, affordable housing, and economic opportunities. The eligible grants are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The total funding in grants is an estimated \$4 million. There are eight priorities for the 5-year consolidated plan: affordable housing, public services, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, nonprofit capacity building, addressing homelessness, housing & supportive services for HIV/AIDS, and effective program management. Mr. Cauley reannounced the recommended funding disbursements for each grant and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Applications (LIHTC) that were originally presented at the April 7, 2025, Work Session.

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.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to adopt the proposed 2025-2029 HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and the updated Citizen Participation Plan
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

10.01 Adoption of the City of Fayetteville Sustainability Action Plan (SAP)

Mr. Christopher Williams, Management Analyst, introduced Mr. Rich Swanson, from Blue Strike, and stated the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) provides a strategic framework to guide Fayetteville toward a more resilient, efficient, and environmentally responsible future. Developed through cross-departmental collaboration and informed by extensive community engagement, the SAP outlines targeted actions across energy, transportation, infrastructure, and conservation. The plan aligns both state-level climate goals and local priorities, identifying measurable strategies that enhance quality of life, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote long-term operational savings.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to adopt the City of Fayetteville Sustainability Action Plan
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.02 PWC - Determination of Utility Assessment Appeal - 6920 Tayberry Court

Council Member Thompson stated this is a unique situation. Annexation started in 2006 with implementation in 2007 and has been amended five times. There are 34 annexation projects, and the last 24 are in southwest Fayetteville. We are 18 years into the project and still not close to being completed. On February 17, 2025, PWC received a Utility Assessment Appeal from Mr. Michael J. Morgan regarding 6920 Tayberry Court, Fayetteville, NC 28306, pursuant to NCGS § 105-381. The subject property is in Phase 5 Project Area 32, Section 1, and was listed on the assessment roll confirmed by City Council on February 10, 2025, for sewer service. Mr. Morgan previously paid to connect to public water, but that was not a levied assessment. Mr. Morgan objects to his parcel being assessed for sewer service. Under the statute, the governing body of the taxing unit must determine whether the taxpayer has a valid defense to the tax imposed or any part thereof.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding for the utility assessment program. It has an income qualification connected to it and is on the website under homeowner resources. Mr. Timothy Smith, PWC in-house General Counsel, stated it is the City's decision, it is a special assessment that cities can make, and the City of Fayetteville and PWC had a funding agreement. The concern from PWC is that they must serve residents all the same, but it is within the City's authority and part of a contractual agreement.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to release the assessment and only pay the difference between the sewer service assessment and the amount paid for the voluntary connection for water for a total of \$1,490.00 for 6920 Tayberry Court
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Banks-McLaughlin)

10.03 Homelessness & Mental Health Committee Presentation

Mr. Christopher Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director, presented a review of the last year for the Homelessness and Mental Health Committee. The Committee received reports on the Fayetteville Cares Day Resource Center, discussed panhandling and encampments, "lifeline alliance" initiatives, and pallet shelter concepts.

Council Member McNair stated the Committee would like the Pallet Shelter presentation to be presented at a Work Session, furthermore, the Pallet Shelters are not tiny homes or houses; they are crisis shelters to alleviate people sleeping outside and create wrap-around services. Mr. Cauley stated the findings and recommendations of the Committee recommended security at the Day Resource Center and improved monitoring of outdoor activity, and creating signage in the downtown area to address the increase in panhandling. Council Member McNair stated the Committee is also looking to have Cumberland County participate in helping with homelessness and mental health concerns throughout the City.

Mayor Colvin stated when he created the Committee, it was to identify gaps, and the three findings of the committee were the identified gaps.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to approve the \$50,000.00 for the increased security at the Day Resource Center
SECOND: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

MOTION: Council Member McNair moved to send the panhandling signage and the pallet presentation to the work session
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor and 1 in opposition (Council Member Benavente)

10.04 Appointment Committee Recommendations and Removal for Boards and Commissions Appointments

Council Member Haire stated the Appointment Committee met on April 10, 2025, to review applications for five appointments to Boards and Commissions and one removal. It is from that meeting the Appointment Committee presents the recommendations for appointments to the City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions.

The Appointment Committee consists of the following members: Mayor Colvin, Mayor Pro Tem Jensen, Council Member Haire (Chair), Council Member Hondros, and Council Member Thompson.

The Appointment Committee approved the following appointments

Fayetteville Public Works Commission

Donald Porter	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2029
Ronna Garrett	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2029

Personnel Review Board

Chelsey Burnette	April 28, 2025 - March 31, 2027
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Planning Commission

Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano	April 28, 2025 - March 31, 2027
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Public Arts Commission

Chelsey Burnette	April 28, 2025 - March 31, 2027
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Community Police Advisory Board

Mr. Richard Chandler Jr.	Removal
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MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the recommended appointments and removal
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.01 Development Services & Site Plan Review Process Improvement Study

This item was for information only and was not presented.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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MITCH COLVIN
Mayor

