

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
MARCH 14, 2024  
6:30 P.M.**

Present: 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) (via zoom); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, Interim City Attorney  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief  
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief  
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director  
Willie Johnson, Interim Chief Information Officer  
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called the meeting to order.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Imam Abdul Haneef, Masjid Omar Ibn Sayyid.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Jensen and City Council.

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Ms. Mallie Monroe introduced the winners of the Cumberland County Hometown Broncos Pageant.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a proclamation proclaiming March 2024 and the week of March 2-8 as HER Fayetteville; HER Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a proclamation to Mr. Norman Martin and the Royal Court Delta "Carolina Kings" Mu Beta Phi Military Fraternity proclaiming March 22, 2024, in honor of Royal Court Delta of Mu Beta Phi Military Fraternity Founder's Day.

Mr. Norman Martin and the Royal Court Delta "Carolina Kings" Mu Beta Phi Military Fraternity presented the Nemean Lion Award for Excellence to Mayor Colvin, the City of Fayetteville, and Member Eric Gamble.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a proclamation to FAST staff proclaiming March 18, 2024, to be Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a proclamation to Mr. Phil Harris, Executive Director, proclaiming January 29, 2024, as American Red Cross Month.

Council Member Haire announced Kingdom Impact Global Ministries, 2503 Murchison Road, will have a food drive on March 15, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Hondros announced PWC will host its Annual Power and Water Conservation Expo on March 22, 2024, at Skyview on Hay, 121 Hay Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Doug Hewett, City Manager, stated the City Manager newsletter is published weekly and residents can sign up to receive it via the City's website.

## **6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member McNair moved to approve the agenda with moving Item 7.03 to Other Items of Business and renumbering to Item 10.02.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to approve the consent agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member McNair

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

### **7.01 Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**February 21, 2024 - Agenda Briefing**

**February 26, 2024 - Discussion of Agenda Items**

### **7.02 Professional Service Contract Execution Recommendation - Phase II Part B Watershed Study for Cross Creek**

Authorizing the execution of an engineering service contract for professional services for \$651,885.00 for Phase II Part B Watershed Study for Cross Creek as part of the Watershed Master Plan program to the consulting firm Hazen Sawyer. This qualification-based selection of Hazen Sawyer is utilizing the City's On-Call Professional Engineering Services for Comprehensive Stormwater Watershed Studies.

### **7.03 Moved to Other Items of Business and renumbered to Item 10.02**

### **7.04 PWC - Bid Recommendation - Cross Creek and Rockfish Creek Water Reclamation Facilities Screw Pump Improvements**

Bids were received for the Cross Creek Water Reclamation Facility and Rockfish Creek Water Reclamation Facility Screw Pump Improvements. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC, in the total amount of \$19,139,750.00.

### **7.05 PWC - Bid Recommendation - Relay Control Switchboards**

Bids were received for the purchase of Relay Control Switchboards. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Charlotte, NC, in the total amount of \$451,490.00.

## **8.0 STAFF REPORTS**

### **8.01 Sustainability Plan - Project Kickoff**

Mr. Brook Redding, Special Projects Manager, introduced this item and stated the "Sustainability Plan - Project Kickoff" marks the beginning of an ambitious endeavor by the City of Fayetteville, in partnership with Blue Strike Environmental, to develop a comprehensive sustainability framework to enhance the quality of life, promote economic vitality, and ensure environmental stewardship. This

initiative will encompass a broad range of sustainability measures across energy, transportation, waste management, and community engagement to meet the current and future needs of all residents and sectors within the City while firmly aligning with the City's strategic plan to foster a resilient and thriving community for generations to come.

Following the Mayor and City Council's strategic directive and the allocation of funds, the City of Fayetteville is embarking on developing an updated Sustainability Plan. This initiative builds on the foundational efforts of the 2012 plan, recognizing the evolving needs and opportunities to enhance our City's sustainability further. As we stand at the precipice of this project's commencement, it's pivotal to reflect on past achievements and chart a course for a sustainable future that aligns with our community's values and aspirations.

The Mayor and City Council allocated this investment from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The financial commitment for developing the updated Sustainability Plan, facilitated by Blue Strike Environmental, is \$113,210.00.

Mr. Rich Swanson, Director of Climate and Energy, Blue Strike, presented the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to accept this report, signifying the official commencement of the Sustainability Plan project.**  
**SECOND: Council Member Davis**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)**

#### **8.02 ETC Institute - FY24 City of Fayetteville Resident Survey Overview**

Mr. Chris Lowry, Strategics and Performance Analytics Manager, presented this item and stated ETC Institute administered a survey to residents of the City of Fayetteville from November through January of FY24. The purpose of the survey was to help the City of Fayetteville ensure that the City's priorities continue to match the needs and desires of residents. The information provided will be used to improve existing services and to help the City better understand the evolving needs of the residents of Fayetteville.

The City of Fayetteville hired the national consulting firm, ETC Institute, to conduct a resident survey to gather residents' input regarding current programs and services, new initiatives, and future policy decisions. The survey is part of the City's ongoing efforts to identify and respond to resident concerns and to gather input about priorities for the community. Resident surveys are an important tool in determining if programs and services are meeting residents' expectations. Resident surveys also bring residents into the public decision-making process in the strategic planning process.

ETC Institute conducted the resident survey in the City from November through January of FY24. Survey instruments were mailed to randomly selected households across the City, and various channels were utilized to raise awareness about the survey within these households. Outreach methods included mail, phone, and social media. The mailed survey included a return envelope and a website link for households to complete the survey online if desired.

The survey results were statistically significant based on the number of surveys completed and the respondent population is demographically and geographically representative of the City's population.

The last resident survey was completed in FY20.

The report contains a summary of the survey methodology, major findings and comparisons to the FY20 survey results, visualizations of the overall results, importance/satisfaction analysis of surveyed services, tabular results of all survey questions, and a copy of the survey instrument.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to accept the report of the FY24 City of Fayetteville Resident Survey Overview.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

9.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Archie Barringer, 2271 Jenna Shane Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Market House.

10.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

10.01 Presentation of Appointment Committee Recommendations for Boards and Commissions Appointments

Council Member Haire, Appointment Committee Chair, stated there are recommendations for 49 appointments to 16 City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions. The Appointment Committee approved the following recommendations:

|  |                                    |
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| <u>Airport Commission</u>                                |                                    |
| Judy Dawkins   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Steve Harper   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Robert Hambly  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Audit Committee</u>                                   |                                    |
| Dr. Mfon Akpan   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| VACANT   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Community Police Advisory Board</u>                   |                                    |
| Pablo Arroyo   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Jeremy Fiebig  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Treasure Heffney   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Angela Hyson   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Dr. Gregory Perkins                                      | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| George Watson, III                                       | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| <u>Economic Development Board</u>                        |                                    |
| Carl Manning   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| <u>Ethics Commission</u>                                 |                                    |
| Dymond Spain   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| VACANT   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| <u>Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT)</u> |                                    |
| Austin Campbell  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Michael Council  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| April Satchell   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| James Elliott  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Fair Housing Board</u>                                |                                    |
| Karoll Echeverri   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Debra Kinzer   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| VACANT   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Fayetteville NEXT Commission</u>                      |                                    |
| Matthew Downing III                                      | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Roxy Eppinger  | April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 |
| Sharon Ford  | April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 |
| Alicia Gerald  | April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 |
| Kendra Jackson   | April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 |
| Morhia Mote  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025     |
| Brittany Patterson                                       | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025     |

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| <u>Historic Resources Commission</u>            |                                    |
| Michael Pennink                                 | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Robert Tiffany III                              | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Human Relations Commission</u>               |                                    |
| Dr. Eric Bradley                                | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Dakota Wright                                   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission</u> |                                    |
| Lynnie Guzman                                   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Thomas Hatch                                    | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Charles Hill                                    | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| Amanda Mitchell                                 | April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025 |
| Crystal Moore-Williams                          | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027     |
| <u>Public Arts Commission</u>                   |                                    |
| Lauren Falls (Appointment)                      | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Collyn Strother (Reappointment)                 | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Redevelopment Commission</u>                 |                                    |
| Sheila Faison                                   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2029     |
| Danielle Gaddy                                  | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2029     |
| <u>Senior Citizens Advisory Board</u>           |                                    |
| Darlene Fair                                    | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Laura Mussler                                   | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Roger Rose                                      | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Vann Sherrod                                    | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| June Vinson                                     | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Stormwater Advisory Board</u>                |                                    |
| Kurin Keys                                      | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| <u>Woodpeckers</u>                              |                                    |
| Austin Campbell                                 | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Matt Simmons (Segra Appointment)                | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Rory Dowling (Developer Appointment)            | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |
| Michelle Skinner (Woodpecker Appointment)       | April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026     |

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to accept the Appointment Committee’s recommendations for appointments to the Boards and Commissions.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hondros

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

10.02 Request for Legal Representation of City Employees

**MOTION:** Council Member McNair moved to authorize the request for legal representation and petition the court for disclosure of the body cam footage.

**SECOND:** Council Member Greene

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.01 Nuisance Businesses

This item was for informational purposes only and was not presented.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.