

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3) (arrived at 6:12 p.m.); D. J. Haire (District 4); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Johnny Dawkins (District 5)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Toon, Purchasing Manager
Cynthia Blot, Economic and Community Development
Director
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Chris Davis.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mayor Colvin thanked everyone for coming as well as the presenters being willing to share information on their organizations. He stated over the last several months the City Council has committed to bringing resources to the community. As a response to Hurricane Matthew, the City applied for a State grant in order to assist in bringing in the resources such as a homeless day center.

Ms. Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager, introduced Ms. Kathy Johnson, Executive Director of Oak City Cares, and Mr. Rick Miller, Special Project Consultant for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh and board member of Oak City Cares. Ms. Wright-Lanier also introduced Mr. Scott Jones, Executive Board Chair of Tiny House Community Development Inc.

5.01 Briefing on the Day Resource Center for Homeless Citizens Project

Ms. Kathy Johnson, Executive Director for the Oak City Cares, provided an overview of Oak City Cares with the assistance of a Powerpoint presentation. Oak City Cares is a multi-services center that is designed to serve as a hub for connecting individuals and families who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness to coordinate services and has been open since April 2019. Ms. Johnson stressed Oak Cares is not a shelter. The program is a public/private

partnership and is focused on coordinating and not duplicated throughout the community.

Ms. Johnson also spoke about the philosophy of Oak City Cares and a "Natural Transfer of Trust" through the different services as well as their basic needs program. Much of the basic needs regarding showers and laundry is community donated such as laundry soap, towels, and hygiene items. During the week, individuals visiting the facility are required to be there to be working with a service, however, during the weekend it is much more of a drop-in center. The second program coincides with the weekends as their weekend meal services. The third program is the Coordinated Care Program that starts with Coordinated Entry. Ms. Johnson also presented a list of the organization partners and what they assist with such as medical, behavioral health, work force, etc.

Mr. Rick Miller provided the history of the Oak City Cares and how the partnerships acquired land, requests for qualifications from agencies interested in operating and planning the multi-services center, bringing different municipal groups on board such as the County and City, and interviewing homeless individuals to find out what services needed to be offered. Mr. Miller recommended having the differentiation between a day center and a multi-services center. A day center is a place for hospitality that individuals can congregate at during the day whether they are engaging in a service or not, a multi-services center is a place where individuals can engage in services that are coordinated for bettering their lives while at the center. Mr. Miller recommended having an organization that oversees the entire facility to create a synergy within the community. One big issue the organization faced was that many grant funding opportunities do not fund sectarian organizations, no matter what the money will go towards. So if the organization picked to run the facility is sectarian it may be beneficial to stand up a secondary 501(c)3 in order to be able to access those other grant opportunities as well as add another level of security in case something happens to the head non-profit and vice versa. This would allow the other organization to run independently if necessary. All employees are Catholic Charities employees that are leased to staff Oak City Cares.

Discussion ensued. The Mayor stated if Council members have additional questions to please forward to the City Manager. If residents have additional questions to please reach out to their Council member and they will work with staff to get answers.

5.02 Briefing on Tiny Homes

Mr. Scott Jones, Executive Board Chair for Tiny House Community Development, Inc., provided an overview of tiny homes with the assistance of a Powerpoint presentation. Mr. Jones stated Tiny House Community Development was formed from a concept that happened at the Greensboro, North Carolina, Day Center. It began as a conversation with individuals that were experiencing homelessness, staff, and volunteers. The organization realized in order to be sustainable with the ability to grow tiny house communities they would need to start working with their local jurisdictions. The organization started speaking with municipalities about what their building and zoning requirements are in order to add tiny houses in in-fill or vacant properties that fit the program priorities such as location accessibility to services and transit. The program builds partnerships with other organizations in order to build tiny house communities. Mr. Jones urged the City to speak with residents in order to see if the community supports tiny house communities. Building tiny home pocket communities provides the opportunity to increase the property values of blighted areas.

Mr. Jones stated his organization works very closely with their local Continuum of Care to provide individuals ready for housing as well as require the resident continue case management for up to two years. The Tiny Homes Community Development has a Homeowners

Association for the tiny homes which allows the residents to come together as a community as well as another way for the organization to provide the communities more autonomy while still keeping the organization updated through monthly reports from each community's HOA. The organization has an all-inclusive lease that includes utilities. The organization works with local universities for the tiny home building plans, as well as with organizations that will sponsor a home. Mr. Jones stated rent is based on low-market HUD value rental rates as well as their income.

Discussion ensued.

5.03 City Manager Update

No information was provided for this item.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.