

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JUNE 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (arrived at 8:21 p.m. via telephone)

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Mike Hill, Fire Chief
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Coordinator
Pamela Megill, 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 Pastor Akeem Leigh, Blessing Family of God Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a COVID-19 update.

Council Member Haire announced the grand opening for the 876 Flavaz Food Truck would be held on June 18, 2021, at 6243 Yadkin Road, Suite 103.

Council Member Haire announced the Retired Signal Soldiers Association of Fort Bragg will be holding their Annual Fish Fry Scholarship event on June 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Advanced Auto Parts located at 4132 Raeford Road.

Council Member Ingram announced June 13-18, 2021, is National Waste and Recycling Workers Week and expressed her appreciation to the City Environmental Service Workers.

Council Member Ingram reminded residents that the Fayetteville-Cumberland Emergency Rental Assistance Program (RAP) has been launched. Residents may call 1-888-495-7710 to schedule an appointment.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin stated today celebrates the Army's 246th Birthday.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin thanked Fire Station 15 for providing a tour to her Girl Scout Troop.

Council Member Kinston stated the North Carolina Volunteer and Community Service Association brought to Fayetteville for the first time - CERT a summer training for high school students to learn emergency management services and volunteer skills through the Fire and Police Departments. This week-long program hosted 26 kids.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a Proclamation to the Fayetteville PRIDE Community in recognition of Fayetteville PRIDE Month, proclaiming June 24, 2021, in honor of Fayetteville Pride Fest.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a Proclamation proclaiming June 19, 2021, to be a special day in honor of the Juneteenth Freedom Festival.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager stated he does not have a report to present.

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Dawkins

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Kinston moved to approve the agenda, with an amendment to the May 20, 2021, Budget Work Session minutes: to include Council Member Kinston's request to add an additional paid holiday for all City employees in the Employer of Choice initiative.

SECOND: Council Member Waddell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.01 Approval of Meeting Minutes:

May 19, 2021 - Agenda Briefing

May 20, 2021 - Budget Work Session

May 24, 2021 - Discussion of Agenda Items

May 24, 2021 - Regular

May 27, 2021 - Reconvened May 24, 2021

May 27, 2021 - Budget Work Session

June 7, 2021 - Work Session

7.02 Resolution to Partially Abandon PWC Utility Easement - Hoke Loop Commons

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF CITY EASEMENTS. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-041

7.03 Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2021-13 for the General Fund, Central Business Tax District Fund, Lake Valley Drive Municipal Service District Fund, and Fleet Maintenance Internal Service Fund

Budget Ordinance Amendment 2021-13 to adjust annual operating budgets for the General Fund (\$2,148,400.00), Central Business Tax District Fund (\$5,000.00), the Lake Valley Drive Municipal Service District Fund (\$1,003.00) and the Fleet Maintenance Internal Service Fund (\$783,000.00) to ensure sufficient budget is available to meet year-end expenditure projections developed with the Fiscal Year 2022 budget process, to provide for additional funding needs recently identified, and to ensure sufficient budget availability should unexpected expenditures arise before the close of the fiscal year.

7.04 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2021-58 for Final Closeout Payment for an NCDOT Municipal Agreement for Irrigation and Landscaping Improvements on Owen Drive

Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2021-58 to appropriate \$7,776.00 for a final payment to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for irrigation and landscaping improvements on Owen Drive. Council approved a Municipal Agreement for this project in August 2017, and in February 2019 the City received a final invoice from NCDOT for our cost share of the project. The Capital Project Ordinance was subsequently closed out in Fiscal Year 2020. The NCDOT has now determined during its closeout and audit process that the City was not properly invoiced for our cost share on this project and has submitted an amended final billing.

7.05 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Partial Closeouts for Municipal Agreements Projects 2021-1 and Stormwater Drainage Improvements Fund Ordinance Partial Closeouts for 2021-15, 2021-18, and 2021-19

Capital Project Fund Ordinance Partial Closeout 2021-1 is for Transportation Fund Municipal Agreement projects such as sidewalks, landscaping, pedestrian safety, and a traffic signal. Each of the projects being closed have been completed. The partial closeout results in \$7,230.00 being made available for use in other Transportation Municipal Agreement capital projects.

Capital Project Fund Ordinance Partial Closeout 2021-15 is for Fiscal Year 2015 stormwater drainage improvement and other capital expenditures including, Godfrey Outfall, Ferncreek Norwood, and Spot Repair Program. The partial closeout results in \$1,447,883.00 being made available for use in other Stormwater capital projects.

Capital Project Fund Ordinance Partial Closeout 2021-18 is for Fiscal Year 2016 stormwater drainage improvement and other capital expenditures including, Spruce Street Phase II. The partial closeout results in \$1.00 being made available for use in other Stormwater capital projects.

Capital Project Fund Ordinance Partial Closeout 2021-19 is for Fiscal Year 2017 stormwater drainage improvement and other capital expenditures, including Emergency Repair at McGilvary, Spot Repair, and Shoreline Drive Culvert. The partial closeout results in \$780,436.00 being made available for use in other Stormwater capital projects.

All of the projects were completed in previous fiscal years, audited by the City's external auditors as part of the annual audit process and are ready for closure. Each closeout provides a brief description of the project, the year the project ordinance was adopted, and the final revenue and expenditure budgets and actuals that are being closed.

7.06 Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO)

The Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) is requesting approval of a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all its member jurisdictions, including the City of Fayetteville. The significant change in this revised MOU is the member from Fort Bragg becomes a voting member, as opposed to a non-voting member, on the FAMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Other changes include updating position title descriptions that had changed since the prior revision to the MOU. The MOU was recommended for approval by the TPB that includes City of Fayetteville Council Members Dawkins and Wright.

7.07 Award Contract for the Purchase of Three Chevrolet Forensic Cargo Vans.

Award a contract for the purchase of three Chevrolet Forensic Cargo Vans for the Police Department. The recommended lowest responsive bidder is Cooper Ford, Carthage, NC, in the total amount of \$98,400.00.

7.08 PWC - Resolution Directing Construction of Areas 26 and 27 of the Phase 5

RESOLUTION DIRECTING CONSTRUCTION OF AREAS 26 AND 27 OF THE PHASE 5 ANNEXATION UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BE UNDERTAKEN. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-042

8.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Cynthia Wilson, 228 Summertime Road, Fayetteville, NC, commented on potential use of the American Rescue Funds and affordable housing.

Ms. Cerise Collins, 3866 Parkway Vista Road, Greensboro, NC, commented on potential use of the American Rescue Funds and student support.

Mr. Robert Walls, 1436 Valencia Drive, Fayetteville, NC, commented on ethics in the City.

Mr. Ron Gunter, 2822 Bragg Boulevard, Fayetteville, NC, commented on Habitat for Humanity, Pathways for Prosperity and the use of the American Rescue Funds.

Mr. Adam Svolto, 5812 Edgebury Road, Raleigh, NC, commented on the potential use of American Rescue Funds and Pathways for Prosperity.

Ms. Tameka Bright, 533 Nessee Street, Fayetteville, NC, commented on the potential use of the American Rescue Funds and student support and "Parent University".

9.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

9.01 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Strategic Plan, the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital and Technology Improvement Plans, Capital Project Ordinances 2022-1 through 2022-12, Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2022-1 through 2022-27, and Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Amendment 2021-1

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated Council is asked to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule which incorporates changes to the recommended budget based upon consensus direction provided by Council at the May 27, 2021, budget work session. In addition to setting the ad valorem tax rate at 49.95 cents and the Central Business Tax District rate at 10 cents, the ordinance also levies the stormwater fee at \$6.00 per month and the residential solid waste fee at \$225.00 per year, and adopts the fee schedule presented.

Council is also asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Strategic Plan and the Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Capital and Technology Improvement Plans (CIP and TIP), and to adopt related capital project ordinances, capital project ordinance amendments and special revenue fund ordinance amendments to establish project budgets as planned.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Waddell moved to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Strategic Plan, the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital and Technology Improvement Plans, Capital Project Ordinances 2022-1 through 2022-12, Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2022-1 through 2022-27, and Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-1 as presented

SECOND: Council Member Ingram

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.02 Appointment of four applicants to the Historic Resources Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented this item and stated the Appointment Committee met on June 8, 2021, to review applications for appointments to the Historic Resources Commission. At that meeting the Appointment Committee reached consensus to recommend four of the eight applicants for four vacancies: David Bahlman, Michael Pennick, Timothy Jackson, and Lynda Deaton.

City Council is asked to appoint four applicants to the Historic Resources Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Dawkins moved to appoint David Bahlman, Michael Pennick, Timothy Jackson, and Lynda Deaton to the Historic Resources Commission.

SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: UANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.