

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 505 WINSLOW STREET
JANUARY 3, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (arrived at 5:33 p.m.); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Jones.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Ingram

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.01 Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) presentation for the Fayetteville-Raleigh Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

Mr. Hank Graham, FAMPO Executive Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the Capital Area (Raleigh) and Fayetteville Area MPOs, with technical support from NCDOT, commissioned Metro Analytics and Stantec in 2019 to complete a passenger rail feasibility study in-between Raleigh and Fayetteville. The study was completed in August 2020 and had the following objectives:

- To assess the suitability of two active rail corridors for new or additional passenger rail services.
- To understand costs for reasonably implementing such a service.
- To conduct a preliminary estimate of anticipated passenger boardings for scenario-driven train and frequency configurations.
- If no fatal flaws are discovered with either of the two routes, then determine if a phase II exercise is viable to advance passenger rail service with one of these two corridors.

While both corridors were determined to have advantages and disadvantages, there is not a definitive choice for a preferred option.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to accept the presentation from FAMPO and request FAMPO develop an Eastern route future detailed study; and to place a resolution of support on an upcoming regular meeting.

4.02 Recommendation for Additional City Holiday

Mr. Jerry Clipp, Human Resource Development Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated at the June 14, 2021, regular meeting of the City Council, Council Member Kinston requested to add an additional paid holiday for all City employees as part of the Employer of Choice initiative. This request came in part due to a decision made by President Biden to include an additional federal holiday known as "Juneteenth."

The Human Resource Development (HRD) and Budget Departments were asked to consider and provide recommendations for an additional holiday. Discussion proceeded with City leadership as to whether we should offer an additional "Juneteenth" holiday or offer an additional "floating" holiday. Information was gathered from other municipalities with many adopting Juneteenth as a recognized holiday. A couple of other municipalities also had "flex holidays" or "personal holidays" already in their schedule.

From the responses, it appears that most municipalities that responded have already, or will, recognize Juneteenth. Additionally, Juneteenth has been proclaimed as a recognized paid holiday for the federal government.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to move this item forward to the next regular meeting to take formal action on adoption of the ordinance.

4.03 Juneteenth and 4th of July Celebrations

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, presented this item and stated at the August 2, 2021, work session, City Council directed staff to identify, plan, and coordinate a Juneteenth holiday event. Additionally, City Council directed staff to shift the traditional 4th of July celebration event from July 1 to July 4, 2022.

City Council is asked to provide direction and vision for the Juneteenth and 4th of July holiday recognitions. The City received a proposal from Cumulus Broadcasting to partner financially for Juneteenth. At the request of City Council, the 4th of July event will take place on July 4 and no longer on July 1. Adding Juneteenth and enhancing and moving the 4th of July 4 will require additional funding.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to move this item; Juneteenth and 4th of July Celebration forward and bring options back to Council for further discussion.

4.04 City Council Agenda Item Request - Crime Prevention Mini-grant Program - Grassroots Nonprofit - Council Member Ingram

Council Member Ingram presented this item and stated she is interested in establishing a mini-grants program specifically for grassroot non-profits that host mentoring programs and on the ground efforts that work with communities, youth, and families. Council Member Ingram further stated she is looking for consensus to direct staff to research how we could establish such a program and what the rubric and requirements would need to be.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to research, and come back to Council with additional information. Council Members Dawkins and Wright were in opposition to the consensus vote.

4.05 City Council Agenda Item Request - Partnership for a Study City of Fayetteville/Traffic Engineer with NCDOT - Council Member Kinston

Council Member Kinston presented this item and stated she is requesting Council support for a partnership between the City and NCDOT regarding traffic concerns, and cited the area around 6112 Cliffdale Road that is being developed. Council Member Kinston provided several photographs to display the areas of traffic safety concerns.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to move this item forward; Technical Review Committee staff to discuss with NCDOT. Staff will report back on the type of development going into the area.

4.06 City Council Agenda Item Request - Recreation Center at Sherwood Park/Sherwood Park Elementary - Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis presented this item and asked for Council support for the construction of a recreation center on Hope Mills Road in the Douglas Byrd area.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated this project has not been listed in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Projects; this is an item that would need to be included in the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program portal.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to include this item in the upcoming budget discussions.

4.07 City Council Agenda Item Request - Door Bell Security Camera Program - Mayor Colvin

Mayor Colvin presented this item and stated he is asking for Council support to direct staff to initiate a pilot program, working with "Ring" and possibly neighborhood watch communities for a doorbell security camera program. Mayor Colvin stated there have already been over 400 cities participating in this program.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to move this item forward and allow staff to conduct further research on the program and report back.

4.08 City Council Agenda Item Request - Homeless Shelter - Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin presented this item and stated she wants the City to allocate funds to the Salvation Army for a homeless shelter; it is our responsibility to help those in need.

Discussion ensued.

No consensus was reached on this item. (Council Members Banks-McLaughlin, Kinston, and Ingram were in favor.)

4.09 City Council Agenda Item Request - Market House - Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin presented this item and stated she is requesting Council support to eliminate any funding going towards the repurposing of the Market House.

Mr. Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager, stated no funds have been allocated to the Market House so far, and we have no ballpark figures of what it would cost to repurpose the Market House.

Council Member Kinston stated the Department of Justice Spirit Committee will be reporting their findings on January 25, 2022, regarding options for repurposing the Market House.

No consensus was reached on this item. (Council Members Banks-McLaughlin, Kinston, and Ingram were in favor.)

4.010 City Council Agenda Item Request - Eliminate Funding - Civil War Reconstruction Museum - Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin presented this item and asked for Council to support eliminating any funding towards the Civil War History Museum.

Discussion ensued.

No consensus was reached on this item. (Council Members Banks-McLaughlin, Kinston, and Ingram were in favor.)

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELEA J. MEGILL
City Clerk

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Mayor

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