

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
MAY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6) (arrived at 7:42 p.m.); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Mike Hill, Fire Chief
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development
Director
Randy Hume, Transit Director
Jodi Phelps, Corporate Communications Director
Rob Stone, Construction Management Director
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 McLaughlin.

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

Ms. Sharon Moyer, Community Engagement Administrator, provided an update on the Family Connects program for the Partnership for Children.

Council Member Wright thanked Chief Gina Hawkins and the Police Department for their recent assistance with a homeless person situation.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Ms. Rosemary McLean, President, and Mr. Robert Johnson, Secretary, of the Cape Fear Regional Tennis Association proclaiming the month of May 2022 as National Tennis Month.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation to Ms. Amanda Christianson proclaiming May 15, 2022, in honor of Friendship Community Gardens. Ms. Christianson announced a Dedication for the Community Gardens would be taking place on May 14, 2022.

Mayor Colvin and Council Member Banks-McLaughlin presented Certificates of Excellence to the New Life Christian Academy and Prep 2022 Basketball Team for winning the Division 4 NACA National Championships, in recognition of their hard work and achievement during the 2021-2022 Basketball Season.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dr. Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager, announced the weekend storm debris collection will be collected over the next few days. Currently, there are no reports of dangerous or impassible areas. Several areas were cut and cleared Friday night. Once the debris is picked up, the street sweepers will come through and sweep the streets. There will be no fee associated for storm related debris to allow residents to clear their yards.

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Dawkins moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 7.013, pulled for presentation and separate vote.
SECOND: Council Member Ingram
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.01 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
April 20, 2022 - Agenda Briefing
April 25, 2022 - Discussion of Agenda Items

7.02 City Council Policy No. 120.11 - Meeting Procedures

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines which will allow City Council members who are unable to physically attend a Council meeting to participate remotely via electronic, simultaneous methods. This policy is not intended to allow or encourage physical absence from a Council meeting simply as a means of convenience. Remote participation should only be utilized in the case of a bona fide emergency or other such circumstance as described below. For the purpose of this policy, a Council member is defined as a City Councilman/woman or the Mayor and hereafter referred to as member. For the purpose of this policy, the presiding officer is defined as the Mayor or the person serving as presiding officer in the Mayor's absence.

7.03 Adoption of Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-06 and Authorization to Accept Additional Grant Funding for the Conservation Restoration Plan for Cross Creek Cemetery #1

The City has received notification of a \$10,000.00 grant award from Cumberland Community Foundation. Funding from this grant will be used to purchase trees for the Cross Creek Cemetery Project. Staff is seeking authorization to accept the grant award and Council adoption of Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-06 to appropriate the funding.

7.04 Adopt a Resolution of Support for an Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or Now Emissions Competitive Grant Program

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE'S APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING FROM FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S LOW OR NO EMISSIONS GRANT PROGRAM AND BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM. RESOLUTION NO. R2022-018

7.05 Resolution Authorizing the Lease for Megabus Southeast, LLC d/b/a Megabus at the Fast Transit Center

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FOR MEGABUS SOUTHEAST LLC d/b/a MEGABUS, THEIR SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS AT THE FAST TRANSIT CENTER. RESOLUTION NO. R2022-019

7.06 Bid Recommendation - Miscellaneous Electric Inventory to ESCO Distribution, Inc., Clayton, NC, the recommended lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the total amount of \$322,329.70.

WESCO Distribution, Clayton, NC \$322,329.70
Border States, Greenville, SC \$49,562.15

7.07 Bid Recommendation - Conductor and Conduit Inventory to WESCO Distribution, Inc., Clayton, NC, recommended lowest responsive, responsible bidder is in the total amount of \$247,459.90.

WESCO Distribution, Greenville, SC \$247,459.90
Border States, Greenville, SC \$354,349.30

7.08 Approval for City Manager to Execute a Contract with Cooper Tacia General Contractors for Construction of Senior Center East

Senior Center East is an 18,210 square foot commercial recreation facility proposed to be constructed near the intersection of Washington Drive and Murchison Road, near MLK Jr. Memorial Park and Fayetteville State University. Similar to Bill Crisp Senior Center, this facility will include a pool, men's and women's locker rooms, kitchen, multi-purpose room, card room, racquetball courts, fitness and exercise rooms, billiards, a library, and indoor and outdoor lounge areas. Construction is scheduled to begin in July with an estimated construction duration of 12 months. Senior Center East is one of the several projects funded by the Parks and Recreation Bond, which was passed by voters in March of 2016. The low bidder for the project is Cooper Tacia General Contractors with a base bid amount of \$7,868,000. Alternates that may be added to the project pending available funding result in a total project bid of \$7,930,487.00.

7.09 Approval for City Manager to Execute a Contract with W.B. Brawley Company for Construction of New Fire Station No. 4

Fire Station No. 4 is an 18,442 square foot commercial public safety facility proposed to be constructed at 4210 Bragg Boulevard, approximately 0.5 mile NW of the intersection of Bragg Boulevard and Sycamore Dairy Road. This new fire station will replace existing Fire Station No. 4, located at 406 Stamper Road, and provide enhanced service and response time to a larger area of the City via additional equipment apparatus and its strategic location on Bragg Boulevard. Construction is scheduled to begin in July with an estimated construction duration of 14 months. The low bidder for the project is W.B. Brawley Company with a base bid amount of \$8,848,831.00. Allowances and alternates that may be added to the project pending available funding result in a total project bid of \$9,442,777.00.

7.10 Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2022-9 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-61 to Appropriate Additional Funding for the Senior Center East Project

Budget Ordinance Amendment 2022-9 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-61 to appropriate \$3,000,000.00 additional funding for construction costs for the Senior Center East project. The appropriation is to be funded from General Fund fund balance of \$713,000.00.00, investment income of \$226,251.00, and premium on bonds of \$2,060,749.00.

7.011 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-62 to Appropriate Financing Proceeds for Fire Station 4 Relocation Project

Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2022-62 to appropriate \$2,686,716.00 of financing proceeds for construction of the Fire Station No. 4 Relocation project.

7.012 Approval of Preliminary Findings Resolution for Submission of Local Government Commission (LGC) Application for the Issuance of Various Projects Bonds

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, STREETS, SIDEWALK, AND CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, AND HOUSING BONDS BY THE CITY. RESOLUTION NO. R2022-017

7.013 This item was pulled from consent.

7.013 Consideration of Financial Assistance to the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival due to COVID-19 Impacts

MOTION: Council Member Dawkins moved to table this item to the June work session agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Ingram

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

9.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Dawn Adkins-Hurley, 1904 Maneto Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Market House.

Ms. Betty Duke, 111 Camellia Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Market House.

Ms. Savona Aekins, 604 Duggins Way, Apt C, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding personal triumphs and downfalls.

Ms. Myah Warren, 969 Bassman Lane, Apt 306, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding listening to residents in the community talking about the Market House and Mr. Jason Walker.

Ms. Angela Tatum-Malloy, 404 Pilot Avenue, Fayetteville, NC, offered alternatives regarding the invocation at the beginning of the Council meetings.

Mr. Nero B. Coleman, 352-5 Old Creek Court, Fayetteville, NC, spoke in favor of the City parks and trails.

Mr. Mario Benavente, 3549 Hastings Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the City not creating an independent citizen review board.

Mr. Chelinko Hurst, 1384 Wayside Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the death of Mr. Jason Walker and the Market House.

Mr. Tyrone Williams, 203 Wall Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding Dismas Charities.

9.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

9.01 Empowering Community Safety Micro-Grant Program

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated the City of Fayetteville is providing micro-grants to community-based organizations to fund, inspire, and boost community crime reduction activities (a non-profit status is not required but for-profit enterprises will not be considered). The micro-grant is designed to support community groups' efforts to prevent crime and violence in Fayetteville. Grant awards are limited to the areas of the City that have high or recent spikes in violent crime.

Mr. Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director, stated the program offers local groups and non-profits micro-grant

opportunities, coupled with capacity-building training, to increase crime reduction activities and build the City's local non-profit capacity. The micro-grant program provides low-barrier grant opportunities ranging from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 while teaching and instructing grantees about the processes and procedures of non-profit and community organization activities. The micro-grant program will operate for 24 months consisting of four grant cycles of 6 months each. This program will hold grantee organizations accountable for their budget, program actions, and measurable outcomes.

Professional staff is recommended to evaluate, score, and make recommendations for funding. This is consistent with other grant programs across the City. A scoring criteria will be used by a cross-departmental team of City staff. Each proposal will be evaluated by the zip codes it anticipates impacting and how well it adheres to one of the following goals:

- Conflict Resolution and Mediation
- Community Crime Prevention
- Opportunities for Youth/Parents/Families
- Family Stability
- Addressing Upward Mobility
- Implicit Bias and Diversity

It will also be evaluated for elements of Inclusivity, Collaboration, Resourcefulness, and Innovation. The scored proposals will then be submitted to a citizen oversight function to review, question, and affirm staff recommendations. This is needed particularly in instances where funding requests are greater than the amount of funding available.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to direct staff to solicit one representative from the Fayetteville Redevelopment Commission, Citizen Police Advisory Board, Human Relations Commission, Mental Health Professional, and School Safety Coordinator to review staff recommendations.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jensen

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.02 Parks and Recreation Project Report Card

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the major bond projects currently in progress include Bill Crisp Senior Center, Senior Center East, McArthur Road Sports Complex, Jordan Soccer Complex, the Tennis Center, D. Gilmore Therapeutic Center, Mable C. Smith Park, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, and Cape Fear River Park. From time to time, these projects will come before the council for guidance related to project concept approval, contracts, project updates, bid awards, public bid results, and lease agreements with partnering entities. Also included in the report is the proposed trail around Glenville Lake providing access to Mazarick Park from Murchison Road.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Ingram moved to receive the report.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jensen

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.01 Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program Update

This item was for information only, and was not presented.

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to direct staff to place this item on an upcoming work session agenda.
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.