

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
JUNE 9, 2022  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Antonio Jones (District 3); (D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (departed at 6:30 p.m.); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Katherine K. Jensen (District 1)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Mike Hill, Fire Chief  
Kelly Olivera, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer  
Rob Stone, Construction Management Director  
Jodi Phelps, Corporate Communications Director  
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development Director  
Jerry Clipp, Human Resources Development 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 Wright.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item 5.01, Council Member Davis' agenda item request pertaining to Reid Ross fields.

**SECOND:** Council Member Jones

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

**5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5.01 City Council Member Agenda Item Request - Upgrade/Transform Reid Ross Fields with Turf for Multiple Sport**

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to request to direct staff to research and report back with information pertaining to upgrading and transforming the Reid Ross Fields with Turf for Multiple Sporting Events.

**SECOND:** Council Member Jones

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

## **5.1 GO Bond Projects**

Mr. Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated City Council approved a bond referendum for identified needs in public safety, infrastructure, and affordable housing.

A ballot measure will be placed on the November 8, 2022, election seeking authorization to issue up to \$97 million in General Obligation Bonds: \$60 million for public safety projects, \$25 million for infrastructure improvements, and \$12 million for affordable housing strategies.

Mr. Toland displayed slides showing the GO Bond Projects debt funding, and dedicated property tax equivalent.

Discussion ensued.

## **5.2 Unfunded Initiatives**

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the current needs that are not addressed in the FY 2023 budget are as follows:

- Second half of the pay study recommendations
- Numerous items on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans (not requested in GO Bonds)
- Housing study strategies as discussed at the June 6, 2022, work session
- A permanent facility for our fleet operations
- Black Voices Museum funding (approved but not yet appropriated)
- City SPIRIT findings and the repurposing of the Market House
- Christmas decorations for the downtown area

## **5.3 Parking Lot**

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the items in the parking lot are as follows:

- Increase seasonal part-time employees to a minimum of \$15.00 per hour
- Multipurpose Indoor Sports Facility
- Walking trail at Lake Rim
- Outdoor Basketball Courts - Improvements at all locations
- Next-Gen Workforce
- At-Risk Youth Programs
- Financing Option for Sherwood Park Recreation Center and Makerspace
- Infrastructure Improvements in Bonnie Doone
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Strategies
- Concierge Program Expansion
- Community Beautification Funding

Discussion ensued.

#### **5.4 Consensus**

Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget & Evaluation Director, asked for consensus votes on all parking lot items. The items that were added by a consensus vote of the Council include:

- \$15.00 an hour pay for all City employees, including seasonal part-time workers. That will add an outlay of \$484,000.00.
- A multipurpose indoor sports facility in partnership with an existing facility.
- Resurfacing the walking trail at Lake Rim Park for \$35,000.00.
- Outdoor basketball courts that have already been funded.
- \$100,000.00 for a "next generation" workforce initiative. The City will pursue partnerships with schools and businesses to provide training and job opportunities for students and others to learn skills for jobs in demand.
- An additional \$200,000.00 for micro-grants for at-risk youth programs, doubling that allocation. The grants would range from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Community groups will be able to submit ideas to the City for funding. The increase is meant to allow for bigger initiatives.
- \$30,000.00 for neighborhood signage, a project added to a community beautification initiative that had already been allocated \$20,000.00.
- \$50,000.00 for a concierge program intended to add security to the downtown area.

#### **6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

