

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
TOWN HALL MEETING
KIWANIS RECREATION CENTER, HONEYCUTT PARK
MAY 21, 2007
6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Lois A. Kirby (District 5); Curtis Worthy (District 7); Juanita Gonzalez (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Paul Williams (District 6)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Stanley Victrum, Assistant City Manager

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police

John Harold, Administration Assistant Fire Chief

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waster Director

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Jeffrey Brown, Engineer

Shawnell Jones, Customer Service Representative

Frank Simpson, Inspections Director

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Adolph Thomas, Community Relations Specialist

Brad Whited, Fayetteville Regional Airport Director

Robert Barefoot, Parks and Recreation Director

Kathy McPhail, Risk Management Director

Tracey Glover, Information Technology Manager

Theresa Chance, Human Resource Development Department

Francis Jackson, Transit Department Analyst

Mick Noland, PWC Operating Officer – Water Resources

Joe Glass, PWC Engineering Manager – Water Resources

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager

Michael Reeves, Management Analyst

Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Members of the Press

1. Call meeting to order and welcome.

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to those in attendance.

2. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chavonne led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

4. Presentations

Fayetteville Police Department

Chief Bergamine presented this item and provided statistics, which indicated a decrease in the number of violent crimes, vehicular accidents and fatalities throughout the city. Chief Bergamine provided an update on the Civilian Crash Investigators initiative, benefits to the Police Department and community and ways to improve the program. Chief Bergamine reviewed initiatives to combat property crimes to include correlations made with Inspections, work with the District Attorney's office and work with other law enforcement agencies. Chief Bergamine responded to questions regarding neighborhood watch programs and their affect on crime

rates.

Council Member Gonzalez drew five names for brown roll out carts, one name for an indoor water conservation kit and one name for an outdoor water conservation kit.

5. Public Forum

Cecelia Hinek, 1109 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28305 spoke in favor of curbside recycling and expressed concern that Fayetteville would be negatively affected as a growing community without it.

Rebecca Lemings, 114 North Ingleside Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303 expressed concern for speeding on Reilly Road in the Ben Martin Accelerated Learning Academy school zone and for the safety of children.

Stephanie Simmons, 2581 Cumberland Creek Road, Apt. 104, Fayetteville, NC 28306 spoke in favor of recycling and stated it is about environmental pollution.

Mike Axelrod, 126 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301 referenced House Bill 1518, which requires anyone holding an ABC license to recycle as of January 2008. Mr. Axelrod asked Council to support business owners by educating them about the law.

Al Albert, 3023 Brechin Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303 encouraged Council to work with other entities to discuss land use, sprawl and aesthetics rather than push for incorporation of contiguous areas.

Sue Dennis, 3315 Nato Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306 expressed excitement for curbside recycling.

Trish Heatherman, 1808 Queen Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303 expressed concern as an educator that Fayetteville did not have a recycling program and spoke of her efforts to educate her students on recycling.

Liviane Haynes, 402 Rollingwood Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28305 stated she was recycling twenty years ago and expressed concern that Fayetteville did not have a recycling program.

Mary Kay Hennessy, 219 Claremont Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305 asked if staff at the City of Fayetteville had recycling bins. Council Member Gonzalez responded in the affirmative.

Jeremy Martin, 306 Laketree Blvd., Fayetteville, NC 28390, student at Pine Forest Senior High School, spoke favorably of Sustainable Sandhills and their success at the Dogwood Festival.

Imam Economy Mohammed, 2700 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301 spoke to the revitalization of downtown Fayetteville, the need for more colorful flowers along Fayetteville's roadways, the traffic situation on Reilly Road and beautification of the Murchison Road area.

Mrs. Mary Kay Hennessy informed those in attendance that styrofoam can be recycled at UPS stores.

Mayor Chavonne reminded citizens of downtown Glory Days on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2007 and the next Town Hall meeting to be held on Monday, July 30, 2007 at Cliffdale Recreation Center.

6. Adjourn

There being no one further to speak, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.