

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM
MAY 21, 2014
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:35 p.m.); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9)

Others Present:

Theodore L. Voorhees, City Manager
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Brian Meyer, Assistant City Attorney
Lisa Smith, Chief Finance Officer
Tracey Broyles, Budget Manager
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director
Scott Shuford, Development Services Director
Russell Thompson, Engineering Director
Tracie Davis, Corporate Communications Director
Mark Brown, PWC Customer Relations Officer
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 Tax Package Alternatives

Mr. Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the 4.2% tax package (revised), 3.8% tax package, and the 2.8% tax package. Mr. Voorhees provided Council with a document addressing FY 15 budget questions (Group 3) that Council Members had submitted to Lisa Smith, Chief Finance Officer.

Discussions took place on the proposed tax package alternatives, proposed crime lab, economic development, proposed parks and recreation bond referendum, and stormwater fee.

An informal vote was taken to approve the 3.8% tax package with the flexibility to make changes and allow further feedback. The vote failed for lack of a majority (5-5).

Voting in Favor: Davy, Colvin, McDougald, Hurst and Wright

Voting in Opposition: Robertson, Jensen, Crisp, Mohn, and Arp

Mr. Voorhees provided Council with a memorandum addressing Alternate Parks Capital Funding and stated during the last budget work session a number of Council Members expressed an interest in considering replacing the strategy of utilizing a ballot measure and dedicated property tax to fund Parks Capital Projects with funding currently being paid from the General Fund to PWC for sewer and water infrastructure. Mr. Voorhees stated that staff will be seeking direction from Council and if Council chooses to dedicate a revenue source in FY 15 and quickly comes to consensus on projects and priorities, staff is confident that there are projects that can be started and some may be completed within FY 15.

Consensus of Council was to review the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and review the non-emergency/non-essential vacant positions at the May 28, 2014 Budget Work Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.