

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
LAFAYETTE ROOM
MARCH 17, 2014
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson
Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr., (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8)

Absent: Council Members Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Delegation Present: State Senator Wesley Meredith (19th District); Representatives: Rick Glazier (44th District); Elmer

Floyd (43rd District); Marvin W. Lucas (42nd District); John Szoka (45th District)

Others Present:

Ted Voorhees, City Manager
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Harold Medlock, Police Chief
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Rusty Thompson, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Scott Shuford, Development Services Director
Benjamin Major, Fire Chief
Jerry Dietzen, Environmental Services Director
Brad Whited, Airport Director
Randy Hume, Transit Director
Ron McElrath, Community Relations Director
Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed the Legislative Delegation and stated this was a great opportunity to get to know each other.

Municipal Privilege License Tax reform

Mr. Ted Voorhees, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed Municipal Privilege License Tax reform and stated as a City we have very limited options to generate revenue, and the proposed bill would cost the City of Fayetteville about \$600,000 a year if passed. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Voorhees concluded by asking the State Delegation to consider the revenue needs of the City.

Citizen Review Board (Police); HB 345

Mr. Voorhees stated the current City Council has not expressed their position on this item; this is an item staff believes should move forward; City Council will discuss this item during a future Work Session. A brief discussion ensued. Senator Meredith stated the City Council would need to be unanimous on this item.

Rental Action Management Program RAMP

Ms. Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and stated city residents and business owners support rental inspections and registration programs because they protect their quality of life and preserve neighborhood property values. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Small-Toney stated this is not a profit making program; it is a violator registration

program that has positive benefits.

State Historic Tax Credits Sunset Provision's Repeal

Ms. Small-Toney stated this will be a very important tool for redevelopment and asked the State Delegation to consider extending or make permanent the State Historic Tax Credits Sunset Provisions.

State Department of Environment and Natural Resources) distribution of funds to enhance and/or encourage recycling or increase diversion of waste from landfills

Mr. Jerry Dietzen, Environmental Services Director, stated the State of North Carolina through DENR charges \$2.00 per ton of garbage tipped at landfills in the State. This money goes into the Solid Waste Trust Fund. The Trust Fund was set up to do three primary things: to retire orphaned and abandoned waste dumps, for formula grants to municipalities and Counties throughout the state to enhance and promote recycling efforts, and for competitive grants generally used for recycling carts and recycling education materials. The City of Fayetteville was fortunate enough to take advantage of three competitive grants. Two for recycling carts for away-from-home recycling and one for recycling brochures. This past year the money for the competitive grants was eliminated and stated as he understands it, diverted to the State's general fund. Mr. Dietzen asked the delegation to watch this funding because the next funding group would be the formula grants to the Cities and Counties and asked the delegation to make sure the money collected for the Solid Waste Trust Fund is used for its intended purpose. The City of Fayetteville received approximately \$117,000 from this fund last year.

HB 74 (Regulatory Reform Act of 2013) Remaining funds for the North Carolina Veterans Park and Environmental Regulations

Mr. Rusty Thompson, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, gave thanks for the passing of HB 74 and stated the North Carolina Veterans Park had received recognition and won a 2013 national award from the American Public Works Association for the best park in the nation between \$5 and \$25 million dollars. In addition, the park will be presented with a Tri-state award from the Association of Landscape Architects on April 3rd, 2014. A brief discussion ensued.

Funding for next phase of Cape Fear River Trail

Mr. Craig Hampton, Special Projects Director, stated approximately \$3-5 million will be needed to complete the project. The Cape Fear River Trail is one of the most popular events to visit in the City.

NC DENR – Inactive Sites Division appropriation from General Assembly for limited testing of existing wells at Texfi

Mr. Craig Hampton, Special Projects Director, stated attention to this item will be greatly appreciated. Representative Lucas stated the delegation is unanimous in its position to clean up Texfi.

City and PWC interact with NC DENR – Dry Cleaner Program in several locations in and outside of city regarding contamination to ground water

Mr. Craig Hampton, special Projects Director, stated the request is for additional funding to be provided to the Dry Cleaner program to deal with specific cases like the ones we've recently had in Fayetteville where PWC had to extend water lines to an area outside the city limits. Available funding makes the providing of public water take much longer than it should; that would require residents to live off bottled water.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Voorhees provided a brief overview of the City/PWC realignment process and stated the City has identified 10 projects for realignment. Mr. Voorhees also provided a brief overview of the City custodial work taking place at the ASOM; this project demonstrates our commitment to partnering.

Wrap up remarks and comments were made from the Council and State Delegation members.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.