

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**JUNE 2, 2008**

**5:00 P.M.**

**LAFAYETTE ROOM**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2)(departed 6:10 p.m.); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Rusty Thompson, City Traffic Engineer

Jeffrey Brown, City Engineer

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waste Management Director

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director

David Nash, Planner II

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Press

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Crisp provided the invocation.

**1.A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Chavonne requested the addition of a closed session for a personnel matter as Item 1.B. and discussion regarding the 2008-2009 budget as Item 9.

**MOTION: Council Member Hurst moved to approve the agenda to include Item 1.B. and Item 9.**

**SECOND: Council Member Bates**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)**

**1.B.CLOSED SESSION FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER**

**MOTION: Mayor Chavonne moved to go into closed session for a personnel matter.**

**SECOND: Council Member Meredith**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)**

The regular session recessed at 5:10 p.m.

The regular session reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

**MOTION: Mayor Chavonne moved to go into open session.**

**SECOND: Council Member Bates**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)**

Dale E. Iman, City Manager, provided a short video presentation and stated the video would be presented to the General Assembly on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 related to funding for the N. C. Veteran's Park.

**2. UPDATE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief overview of board and commission recommendations provided to Council in February 2008 and stated the update was provided so staff could respond to questions and receive additional direction from Council.

Discussion ensued regarding existing requirements for consideration of appointment, staggered term limits, citizen willingness to serve and which applications the Appointments Committee would bring forward in their formal recommendation to the full City Council. Mr. Hewett noted some boards and commissions require specific qualifications or backgrounds for consideration

of appointment. Consensus of Council was to consider all applicants that meet existing qualifications and requirements and for staff to move forward consistent with discussion for Council action at the June 9, 2008 meeting.

### **3. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION OF CONSIDERATION**

David Nash, Planner II, directed everyone's attention to a map depicting areas under consideration for future annexation and explained North Carolina annexation laws provide municipalities the opportunity to identify unincorporated areas surrounding the municipality that are under consideration for future annexation through a resolution of consideration. Mr. Nash further explained the resolution of consideration was not a binding action and the municipality was under no obligation to annex any of the areas included. Mr. Nash stated the resolution of consideration would disclose to existing and future property owners areas being considered for annexation.

Discussion ensued regarding the relationship of the Municipal Influence Area (MIA) and the resolution of consideration. Mr. Iman explained the resolution of consideration was a mechanism created by the General Assembly and utilized by legal, title search and real estate professions.

In response to a question posed by Council Member Crisp, Mr. Nash explained a benefit of having a resolution of consideration was that it provided a faster track for a city-initiated annexation. Consensus of Council was to move forward for further discussion and action.

### **4. UPDATE ON SOIL STREET PAVING SCHEDULE**

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, and Jeffrey Brown, City Engineer, provided a list of thirty-six soil streets within the City of Fayetteville and staff recommendations related to paving for the same. Aerial photos and vicinity maps of the soil streets were presented, and information was provided as to whether water and sewer connections currently existed on the soil streets. Mr. Teague noted soil streets in Groups A and B were recommended for paving, soil streets in Group C were not recommended for paving and soil streets in Group D had previously been taken to Council and were not recommended for paving.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions. Council Member Meredith suggested Springfield Road and Hill Street be converted to private streets for maintenance purposes. Mr. Iman stated property owners on soil streets in Group D could still petition for paving and should conditions change, Council could reconsider for paving. Mr. Iman advised paving of Group A would be completed with 2008-2009 budget funds and Group B would be completed in 2010.

### **5. CORRIDOR UPDATE**

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director, provided a brief summary of the following projects: 1) Ramsey Street Corridor Plan; 2) Murchison Corridor Land Use and Economic Development Plan; and 3) Murchison Road (NC 210) Transportation Study.

Mrs. Hilton stated the final report on the Murchison Road Corridor land use and economic development plan or Phase I would be provided to Council at their June 9, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Hilton further stated the plan would provide the land use framework and principles to guide the character and scale of future development along the corridor.

Mrs. Hilton stated the first stage of the Ramsey Street Corridor Plan would confirm or adjust existing land uses and base zoning for the upper portion of the corridor and provide preliminary recommendations regarding future transportation improvements for the lower portion of the corridor. Mrs. Hilton further stated development or overlay standards would be uniquely tailored to the corridor and would provide Council with the guidance needed for zoning decisions. Mrs. Hilton stated planning would begin in late July and the project would take about five months.

Mrs. Hilton stated the Murchison Road Transportation Study, or Phase II, would encompass public outreach, traffic analysis, multimodal considerations, development and redevelopment opportunities identified in Phase I, design concepts and a detailed action plan. Rusty Thompson, City Traffic Engineer, spoke to community work sessions or charettes and provided a brief review of the project schedule.

### **6. CITYWIDE TRASH COLLECTION ROUTE CHANGES**

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waste Management Director, provided an overview of the proposed route changes for garbage and yard waste collection and outlined the anticipated efficiencies and operational benefits of the same. Mr. Dietzen then reviewed the marketing plan for notifying residents and stated trash collection changes usually cause citizens to complain until they become accustomed to the new routing schedules.

Discussion ensued regarding the solid waste vehicle replacement schedule, percentage of residences affected by the changes and the estimated length of time for citizens to adjust. Mr. Dietzen responded complaints should be directed to 433-1fay as staff would be prepared to respond to calls.

Mayor Chavonne requested the distribution of flyers at Community Watch meetings and inquired about pick up schedules for Monday holidays.

#### **7. MODIFICATION TO EASTOVER NO ANNEXATION BOUNDARY**

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager, called attention to a map depicting the lots split by the Eastover boundary and stated a developer had requested of the Town of Eastover that the boundary be adjusted to a new line which did not split the lots. Mr. Sonnenberg further stated the Town of Eastover tabled the action on the developer's annexation request and asked for the City of Fayetteville's consent to the proposed boundary adjustments. Mr. Sonnenberg stated should City Council consent, the Town of Eastover would pursue a local bill in the General Assembly to affect the boundary change. Council consensus was to move forward with the adjustment in the Eastover boundary.

#### **8. UPDATE ON FORT BRAGG VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

Dale E. Iman, City Manager, provided background information regarding the bill before the General Assembly for the annexation of Fort Bragg into the City of Fayetteville and Pope Air Force Base into the Town of Spring Lake. Mr. Iman outlined the Harnett County/City of Fayetteville/PWC agreement for water and sewer management services and stated Fort Bragg would not agree to the annexation without the full agreement of all parties involved.

Mr. Iman provided an overview the City of Fayetteville/Cumberland County Sales Tax Agreement and the Town of Spring Lake/City of Fayetteville agreement for revenue sharing. A brief discussion ensued regarding the calculation and distribution of taxes to Cumberland County. Mr. Iman responded to questions regarding Electric Utility Franchise revenues. Consensus of Council was to move forward with the City of Fayetteville/Cumberland County Sales Tax Agreement and the Town of Spring Lake/City of Fayetteville agreement for revenue sharing.

#### **9. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION OF 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Council Member Applewhite expressed concern regarding the \$75,000 budgeted for the Downtown Development Manager position and asked that the duties of current staff be realigned to support the duties and responsibilities of that position.

**MOTION: Council Member Applewhite moved that the \$75,000 remain in the budget and that the money not be spent until Council had the opportunity to hear a presentation that we have looked into every possibility.**

**SECOND: Council Member Crisp**

Mr. Iman spoke to the concept of the Downtown Development Manager position, discussions that had been held regarding the position and stated current staff did not have the capacity to take on the additional responsibilities of the Downtown Development Manager position.

Council Member Bates spoke in support of the position and stated no other district in the City of Fayetteville encompassed projects such as Hope VI, N. C. Veteran's Park, the Gateway, and Murchison Road corridor development. Council Member Applewhite stated she was not convinced current staff were being utilized effectively and feedback she received from constituents was that preferential treatment was being given to the downtown area.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Iman spoke to the variety of issues associated with the downtown area and the type of person needed to address the same. Council Member Applewhite stated she needed to be able to articulate to District 7 with certainty that all current staff resources had

been exhausted.

**VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Bates and Hurst).**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.