

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM
OCTOBER 15, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson (via telephone, arrived at 5:51 p.m.)

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:19 p.m.); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4) (arrived at 5:09 p.m.); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6) (arrived at 5:50 p.m.); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (arrived at 5:25 p.m.); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present: Theodore Voorhees, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Michael DeValve, Moderator, Fayetteville State University
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Davy called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Crisp.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Davy.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Arp

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Proposed Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and stated Strategic Partners Solutions conducted a live phone interview survey of 300 randomly selected voters residing in the City limits of Fayetteville and eligible to vote in municipal elections. Voters were asked a series of open-ended questions regarding the most pressing issue facing the City as well as what they liked most and least about living in Fayetteville. Mr. Bauer provided an overview of the survey results.

Mr. Bauer stated there has been a change of election date and the primary date has been moved from May to March, thus shortening the Council action calendar for the ballot, and the next election date would be November 2016. Mr. Bauer asked Council to electronically vote for either the March 2016 election date or November 2016 election date. The results of the votes were 70 percent for March 2016 and 30 percent for November 2016.

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director, provided an overview of the proposed projects, which included the Multipurpose Aquatic and Senior Center, existing parks improvements, neighborhood parks, Cape Fear River Park, sport field complex, City pools, Cape Fear River Aquarium, skateboard park, tennis center, and high school stadiums.

Dr. Michael DeValve from Fayetteville State University, Moderator, stated staff had prepared three bond package scenarios based on general priorities and asked Council to decide which one they favored.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to ask staff to provide a list of the individual projects to vote on; not bundled packages.

Mayor Robertson recessed the meeting at 6:21 p.m. to allow staff time to reconfigure the proposed project list. Mayor Robertson reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Crisp asked why the splash pads were not included in the list of projects.

Council Member Arp expressed concerns regarding Council making hasty decisions on proposed projects.

MOTION: Council Member Arp moved to adjourn the meeting and table the discussion for a future meeting to take place within the next two weeks.

SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Davy and Hurst)

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.