

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 4, 2016
10:58 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Kirk deViere (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7)

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 11:58 p.m.

2.0 ITEM OF BUSINESS

2.1 Discussion and possible modification of the components contained in the Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum.

Mayor Robertson introduced this item and asked for comments from Council members.

Council Member Crisp stated he has received a tremendous amount of negative feedback on the proposed aquarium, and recommended the aquarium be taken off the Parks and Recreation Bond package.

Council Member Arp stated the feedback he has received regarding the bond package is not positive, and further stated he is not in favor of lease payments, and stated he is in favor of the Cape Fear River Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin stated he has received e-mails from constituents that are not in favor of the aquarium, and further stated he has been asking staff for an anatomization schedule, something simple to get another alternative for funding the multiple aquatics center without success. I support quality of life amenities.

Council Member Jensen stated she was in agreement with Council Members Crisp, Arp, and Colvin.

Council Member McDougald stated the Council has confused the public with their own confusion, and further stated the City did not need to lease a parks and recreation facility; the Council needs to get on the same page.

Council Member Mohn stated he does not want the bond package to exceed the agreed upon \$35 million package.

Council Member deViere stated he supports and believes in investments in parks and recreation, and stated he thinks the motion from the November 9, 2015, meeting was what started the confusion over

the \$35 million and \$64 million amounts, and further stated he thinks the aquarium should be pulled from the package; we need to collectively figure out which direction we are going.

Council Member McDougald stated we need to unconfuse the people.

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to remove the aquarium from the \$35 million Parks and Recreation Bond package and disassociate the \$28 million multi-purpose aquatic center from the \$35 million bond package, and (if the bond referendum passes) set the tax rate to accommodate the \$35 million package.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Colvin

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Arp)

Mayor Robertson stated we no longer have a senior center now.

Council Member Hurst stated it is the seniors in this City that are the majority of our voters.

Council Member deViere provided a spreadsheet showing the priority of each facility that Council agreed upon at the November 9, 2015, meeting.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Colvin moved to define the bond package to contain the following facilities: 2 Senior Centers at an approximate cost of \$10,000,000.00; 6 existing parks at an approximate cost of \$800,000.00; 7 splash pads at an approximate cost of \$3,000,000.00; 1 Cape Fear River Park at an approximate cost of \$5,200,000.00; 1 Skateboard Park at an approximate cost of \$1,000,000.00; 1 Field Complex at an approximate cost of \$9,000,000.00; and 1 Tennis Center at an approximate cost of \$6,000,000.00 for a grand total of \$35,000,000.00.

SECOND: Council Member Jensen

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Crisp)

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.