

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT MINUTES
HORTICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER
670 N. EASTERN BOULEVARD, FAYETTEVILLE, NC
FEBRUARY 19, 2016
3:00 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); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present: Theodore Voorhees, City Manager
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Scott Shuford, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Harold Medlock, Police Chief
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Jerry Dietzen, Environmental Services Director
Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director
Barbara Hill, Human Resource Development Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Strategic Performance Analytics Director
Chris McMillan, Management Analyst
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Warren Miller, Facilitator
Julie Brenman, Facilitator
Members of the Press

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and recognized Mr. Warren Miller and Ms. Julie Brenman, facilitators of the retreat with Fountainworks, a market research and policy consulting company.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member McDougald.

AGENDA REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Warren Miller provided an overview of the agenda and suggested protocols for the meetings.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. Warren Miller asked the City Council to list accomplishments from the past year they are proud of.

Following discussion, Council provided the following list of accomplishments: creation of the Economic Development Department; Fire Department ISO rating; budget adopted unanimously; consolidated Call Center; Red Light Camera Program; recognition by the White House for homelessness efforts; trust and confidence in government (nine elected officials were re-elected); unanimous vote to move the Parks and Recreation Bond Package forward; reinstating the Youth Council and taking the Youth Council to Nashville, TN, and Washington, D.C.;

involving citizens and gathering citizen input through citizen survey and Café Conversations; two new swimming pools; and maintaining an excellent credit rating.

VISIONING

Mr. Warren Miller invited Council to enter into discussion on items that affect the City, which included unfunded State mandates, Fort Bragg budget cuts, one in four at or below the poverty level, abundance of apartment complexes, illegal dump sites, and other issues.

MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Ms. Julie Brenman initiated discussion with Council on the Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.