

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD ROOM  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Tyrone Williams (District 2) (arrived at 6:15 p.m.); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager  
Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Director  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director  
Rob Stone, Public Services Director  
Randy Hume, Transit Director  
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer  
Kim Toon, Purchasing Manager  
Jane Starling, Deputy City Clerk  
Members of the Press

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Haire offered the invocation and blessed the food provided for the meeting.

Council Member Dawkins announced the "Build a Better Block" project. He stated the Haymount neighborhood will be transformed into a pedestrian-friendly business center from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2018, as part of a Build a Better Block project. The purpose of this project is to revitalize the area, test ideas for the future, increase pedestrian safety, engage the community and boost the economy. During the event, Hay Street, Morganton Road, and Fort Bragg Road will be transformed by narrowed traffic lanes, widened sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, benches and plazas. There will be music, art, food, a pet-friendly area and other entertainment. On the day of the event, the roadways will be altered by temporary paint, plants, seating, a stage and a few food trucks. The project began as a grassroots effort to make the Fayetteville area more cycling friendly and walkable. This project has not received any funding from the City.

Council Member Jensen announced there are a few children coming from Ireland Drive School to present a program in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

Council Member Dawkins stated he intends to pull Consent Item 6.09, Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2018-17, Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2018-41 and 2018-42, and a Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Agreement with the NCDOT for Improvements, to announce the improvements on Raeford Road from West of Hampton Oaks Drive to East of Fairway Drive.

Council Members Crisp and Mohn questioned and discussed Consent Item 6.08, Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2018-15 (Additional Funds for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and New Equipment for District Parks).

Council Member Arp stated he thinks our priorities should be for City parks, not the County parks, and further stated he thinks the item should be tabled to go to a work session for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen stated we have to spend money to make money. Mr. Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Director, stated we have bond money that we are spending to upgrade some of the parks (not County parks) and we do not want to miss opportunities or miss out on community engagement.

Council Member Arp asked if there was a deadline for this item. Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated that staff needs an answer for inclusion in the forthcoming budget.

Council Member Wright asked why the Louise Street Bridge funding was not included with Consent Agenda Item 6.014, Provide Additional Funding for the Ann Street Bridge Replacement and Award of the Project Construction Contract. Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, stated the Request for Qualifications was submitted this week for the Louise Street Bridge project, and has to go through the design build process, and negotiate a contract.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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