FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES ST. AVOLD ROOM AUGUST 27, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

> Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Daniel Culliton (District 2); 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

> Karen McDonald, City Attorney Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager

Brandon Christian, Police Attorney Gerald Newton, Development Services Director

Rob Stone, Public Services Director

Michael Gibson, Parks and Recreation Director Jay Toland, Interim Chief Financial Officer Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director Pamela Megill, City Clerk

Members of the Press

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

Mr. Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the environmental reviews approved for Cumberland, Edgecombe and Wayne counties, the approval allows recovery programs to proceed with HUD funded block grants. Mr. Reinstein stated the environmental reviews were approved today by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Cumberland, Edgecombe, and Wayne counties, which will allow homeowner awards to move forward on Hurricane Matthew repair projects funded by Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in those counties. Many residents in these three counties have been waiting for this approval, so repairs and reimbursements can move forward for them, now that these environmental reviews are approved, the pace of HUD funded repairs in those counties will accelerate quickly. Once homeowners formally accept their CDBG-DR awards in closing meetings, home repairs and reimbursements can follow. Homeowners who have already completed repairs and are seeking reimbursements will receive their reimbursement check at closing. Congress initially appropriated \$235 million in CDBG-DR funds to help residents in North Carolina recover from Hurricane Matthew. HUD has designated 80 percent of that funding to be used in the four counties hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew: Cumberland, Edgecombe, Robeson and Wayne. Robeson County's environmental review was approved June 16, 2018, and CBDG-DR funded home repairs began there several weeks ago. Congress has identified an additional \$168 million in CBDG-DR funds for North Carolina and those funds will become available to the state once guidelines for its use appear in the Federal Register. CDBG-DR funds can help stormimpacted homeowners and landlords repair or rebuild properties damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Funding from the program can also be used to reimburse homeowners who undertook and completed repairs to their home after Hurricane Matthew.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Jensen stated she wanted to add an item to the regular meeting agenda for this evening--location for proposed skateboard park.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to add Item 7.02, location for proposed skateboard park, to the August 27, 2018, regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Colvin asked if there were any concerns regarding the consent agenda items.

Council Member Haire asked for clarification on Item 6.05, rescind demolition ordinances. Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, confirmed the two listed properties are no longer slated for demolition.

Council Member Waddell asked for clarification regarding funding and priority use for Item 8.01, funding from Cumberland County Board of Education for pool covers. Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, stated the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for off-season athletic pool operation included revenue from user groups to offset the operational costs. User will, for example, be required to provide their own lifeguards and clean up after themselves. They were also expected to pay a fee designed to reimburse the City for operational costs such as natural gas, electricity, and chemicals. The Cumberland County Board of Education has agreed to provide a capital contribution in lieu of being charged for these operational costs. They will remain responsible for providing life guards, etc. This is consistent with how the City has operated in using many of the district's facilities such as school gyms and sport fields. The FY 19 budget included \$125,000.00 for the capital cost of purchasing and installing the two pool enclosures and \$22,000.00 of both revenue and expenditure authority for operating costs. Not charging the Cumberland County Schools for their use will reduce expected revenues to cover that expense, but the unexpected capital contribution of \$43,000.00 will offset that impact.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at $6:43~\mathrm{p.m.}$