

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 31, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); (D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (via zoom); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Dwayne Campbell, Information Technology Director
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mayor Colvin stated this emergency meeting is being held today to hear from our Police Chief regarding the events and response to events that took place in our City this weekend. The tragic death of Mr. George Floyd led to a few that high jacked a noble cause; a peaceful protest into an exploit of the family of Mr. Floyd; engaging in criminal acts of arson and looting. I am solemnly disappointed that that situation found its way into our community. I am also standing here hopeful by knowing the fact that we are one of the most diverse cities in the country and we will get through this together, we will not allow outside forces to divide us, we are not going to allow agitators to cause our community to be in turmoil; this will not be tolerated. Many other cities have officers and first responders injured, vehicles burnt; we did not have those events. We had a measured strategic response, we can rebuild and hold those accountable who decided to wreak mayhem on the citizens of Fayetteville. I trust Chief Hawkins and her judgment and assessment of this situation.

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated what occurred in Minneapolis is not us, here in Fayetteville. As soon as we received intelligence that this threat was coming we were communicating with the leaders and organizers of the peaceful protests and made notifications to the shopping centers and downtown businesses. The plan was to make sure first amendment rights were allowed, but also the community was protected, the City was our responsibility.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin announced he has signed a State of Emergency Declaration and a public curfew will go into effect today, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Colvin stated that as this emergency meeting has been held today, the special called meeting for tomorrow, June 1, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. will be cancelled.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Dawkins moved to postpone the 5:00 p.m. June 1, 2020, work session to June 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; in conjunction with the previously scheduled budget work session.

SECOND: Council Member Waddell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.