

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
JUNE 4, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: 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) Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer  
Daniel Edwards, Solid Waste Manager  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

**2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**2.1 Parking Lot Items from May 28, 2020 - Ms. Tracey Broyles**

Ms. Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director, presented this item and stated one of the questions from the prior budget meeting asked: Are any of the salary increases proposed for Police and Fire personnel less than the \$1,500.00 bonus amount of non-public safety employees? For the Police Officer step plan, it is estimated that 23 officers would receive salary increases that are \$19.00 below \$1,500.00 and that 12 officers would receive salary increases that are \$289.00 below the \$1,500.00. Ms. Broyles addressed the differences for Police Sergeants, Fire personnel, Fire Upper Ranks, and Emergency Telecommunication positions.

Ms. Broyles provided an overview of the following items that were in the "parking lot": disparity study, litter collection, stormwater, solid waste, infrastructure investment, Drainage Assistance Program, and sidewalk projects.

**4.2 Infrastructure Projects - Ms. Sheila Thomas-Ambat**

Ms. Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Pavement Preservation Program, street system, Pavement 10-Year Plan, Volkert recommendations, pavement preservation costs, proposed sidewalks, proposed multiuse lanes, proposed speed humps, Solid Waste budget highlights, fee equivalent impact, peer city comparison for recycling, yard waste, special collections and general fund subsidy.

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer, provided an overview of the parking fund review, and the parking program.

Mr. Daniel Edwards, Solid Waste Manager, presented the Solid Waste services budget and program highlights.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated the citizens of Fayetteville receive carte blanche service when it comes to sanitation services.

#### **4.3 Public Records Request Policy and Fees - Mr. Kevin Arata**

Mr. Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the "NextRequest" program provides a quick and easy way for the public to request public records. From August 1, 2018, through May 31, 2020, the City received 1,913 public records requests from 1,276 users. Some of the requests are voluminous and can take considerable staff time to collect and sort files/documents. N.C.G.S. 132-6.2(b) authorizes public agencies to charge a "special service charge" for requests involving extensive use of information technology resources, including labor costs of the personnel providing these services. The proposed policy would include charging a fee for all requests that take over 4 hours of staff time to complete at the rate of an Office Assistant II pay rate (approximately \$25.00 per hour). This fee would be included in the fee schedule.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to move forward with this item. Council Members Waddell, Ingram and Banks-McLaughlin were not in agreement with the consensus.

#### **4.4 Budget Question Responses - Ms. Tracey Broyles**

Ms. Broyles provided a printed handout of the budget question responses.

#### **4.5 Other Budget Discussions/Direction - Mr. Douglas Hewett**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff will provide the dollar amount of all items in the "parking lot", renovations to the City Hall first floor funding, and possible land acquisition costs for Catalyst Site II.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen announced there will be a special meeting called for June 8, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.