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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 8, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3) (via zoom); 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)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Mike Hill, Fire Chief
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Coordinator
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENACE

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a closed session for an item on economic development.

SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.01 CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to go into a closed session for an economic development matter.

SECOND: Council Member Dawkins

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 5:04 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to go into open session.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.1 Discussion on Racial Equality

Mayor Colvin invited discussion from Council members regarding racial equality, best practices, policies and next steps throughout our organization.

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Discussion ensued on the following topics: the Market House, engaging the Human Relations Commission and Millennial Commission for a possible committee or task force, developing an African-American museum potentially in the Market House, and speaking only the truth on social media.

Mayor Colvin thanked Council members for their input.

5.2 Police Oversight Practices

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated we now have new opportunities to educate and summarize what we do. Our community is different, our community is diverse, and we now have an opportunity to hear new voices. Discussion ensued regarding the Review Board process, citizen engagement, and transparency.

Chief Hawkins reported the Police Department is still gathering data on crimes committed during the rioting and looting of last week, several arrests have already been made.

5.3 Update from Public Safety

Mr. Mike Hill, Fire Chief, reported no injuries were reported or treated during the protests. No damage to any Fire Department property. Fire damage costs to the Market House are still being assessed.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.