

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 22, 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
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Coordinator
Chris Cauley, Economic and Community Development
Assistant Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Terry Hutchins, Attorney
Scott Flowers, Attorney
Bianca Shoneman, CEO, Cool Spring Downtown District
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 Haire.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Ingram moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items: Yellow Movement, PWC Interlocal Government Agreement, and a closed session.

SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

6.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Yellow Movement

This item was added to the agenda and presented at this time.

Ms. Bianca Shoneman, CEO, Cool Spring Downtown District, provided an overview of the Yellow Movement activities and stated discussions had taken place regarding lettering, spacing, locations, and actual verbiage.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Kinston moved to yellow paint the phrases "Black Lives Do Matter" and "End Racism Now" at the Market House location.
SECOND: Council Member Ingram
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

MOTION: Council Member Ingram moved to continue the Yellow Movement discussion at the August 2020 work session.
SECOND: Council Member Haire
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

6.01 Introduction of State Lobbyist from Kilpatrick Townsend

Ms. Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Charles F. McDowell, IV, Senior Government Relations Advisor, Kilpatrick Townsend, Attorneys at Law. Mr. McDowell will be heading up the team to lobby the North Carolina General Assembly and assist the City in several key areas for the 2020 legislative session.

This item was for information only, and no action was taken.

6.02 Day Resource Center and Emergency Shelter Update

Mr. Warren Miller, President/Founder of Fountain Works Consulting, provided an update on the Day Resource Center and Emergency Shelter with the Community Stakeholder focus group and survey findings. The update consisted of a community input overview, the desired feel of the day center, the priority services and features, nice to have but not essential, observations and tensions, and citizen survey detailed results.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated potential locations for the facility will be discussed at a later time.

This item was for information only, and no action was taken.

6.03 Discussion of City Hall COVID-19 Renovation and CARES Act Funding for Public Safety Mitigation Efforts and Capital Project Ordinance 2020-28 for First Floor Renovations at City Hall.

Mr. Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and stated on May 28, 2020, Cumberland County approved \$900,000.00 for allocation to the City of Fayetteville from state and local aid from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Stability (CARES) Act.

The City is planning to use this \$900,000.00 to prepare/renovate the first floor of City Hall for social distancing and mitigation efforts for staff and citizens associated with COVID-19. Due to time constraints and the need to spend the CARES Act funds by November 30, 2020, the City has the ability to draw down the CARES Act funds and apply those funds to Public Safety salaries and fringe benefits paid since the onset of the pandemic and beginning in March. This would allow the City to use General Funds for the purpose of renovating the first floor. Additional funds will be needed in future years to finish a full first floor renovation. Additionally, in 2018, plans were compiled for the first floor due to safety concerns and those plans are a good starting point as safety and COVID-19 mitigation have very similar needs. If the budget ordinance and capital project ordinance are approved, the bid approval for the renovation will come back before Council for approval once complete.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Dawkins moved to approve to BOA 2020-13 for the appropriation of CARES Act funding and CPO 2020-28 for first floor renovations at City Hall.
SECOND: Council Member Wright

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

6.04 City Council Agenda Item Request - Police Department Consideration - Mayor Colvin

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, provided an overview of the current proactive policing policies and practices in place and stated the Police Department is already doing way more than spending 5 percent of the Police Department budget on proactive policing programs and events. Chief Hawkins further stated the Police Department is already following 6 of the "8 Can't Wait" recommendations, and the 2 remaining we will probably not adopt. We already have great policies in place but we do acknowledge there is always room for improvement.

Discussion ensued.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

6.05 City Council Member Agenda Item Request - Resolution of Support - Council Member Wright

Council Member Wright presented a resolution of support that (1) the Mayor and City Council, in collaboration with all City of Fayetteville employees, stands firm against all forms of racism, bigotry, hatred, violence, brutality and injustice against all; and (2) the Mayor and City Council will advocate for the creation of a citizen advisory board to provide greater oversight, review, and accountability on all aspects of policing, but most specifically on any issues regarding the use of force, brutality, and misconduct by members of the Fayetteville Police Department.

Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE; CREATION OF A CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD - POLICE DEPARTMENT. RESOLUTION NO. R2020-024

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to adopt the resolution to establish a Citizens Advisory Board and create two Council led committees (one internal and one external) to review policies as they relate to the Healing and Reconciliation Movement.

SECOND: Council Member Waddell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to go into a closed session for consultation with the City Attorney for an attorney-client privileged matter.

SECOND: Council Member Kinston

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 7:18 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

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

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.