

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
JULY 20, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 4:14 p.m.); 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) (via telephone); 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
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 Haire.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENACE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor and City Council.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Ingram moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 Clarify information regarding the legality of the protesters at the Market House

4.2 Provide an opportunity for individual Council Members to collectively determine what further action is needed and the next steps in addressing the concerns that have been presented by the protesters.

Council Member Waddell presented this item and gave an overview of the sequence of events and communication regarding the Market House protest July 8 through 14, 2020.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Waddell asked Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, if any arrests were made during the protesting at the Market House. Chief Hawkins responded that one person was issued a citation and there are ten warrants out for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) violations.

Council Member Waddell stated the five demands put forth by the protestors are as follows:

1. Citizen Review Board
 - a. Not an Advisory Board
 - b. Include Activists in the planning and implementation of the board including appointments.
2. Public-Facing Police Misconduct Webpage
 - a. Chief Hawkins has already said she supports such an effort.
 - b. No identifying information of the personnel but the misconduct and violations ought to be made apparent not just transparent.
3. Separate Internal Affairs from Police Department
 - a. Who watches the watchmen?
 - b. Police should not be investigating their own.
4. Adopt Best Practices from Comparative Police Reform Efforts
 - a. Ending the use of chemical agents; Ending the use of chokeholds, and ensuring all of the "8 can't wait" Priorities.
 - b. Including Defund the Police priorities and reforms that apply to Fayetteville.
5. Fund Community Center/Community Garden at Orange St. School.
 - a. Birth Place of E.E. Smith
 - b. Intended to promote a thriving community of underserved people in Fayetteville.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Waddell moved to further discuss items that were discussed during this meeting to the Mayoral appointed Internal (Organizational Capacity Committee) and External (Community Solutions Committee) Committees and will be researched to see what will work in our community, as far as these requests are concerned.

SECOND: Council Member Ingram

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Dawkins)

Discussion ensued.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

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

SECOND: Council Member Waddell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 5:03 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

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

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.