

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
DECEMBER 7, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (via zoom); 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)

Absent: Council Member Johnny Dawkins (District 5)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Toney Coleman, Airport Director  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director  
Robert Van Geons, FCEDC President/CEO  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Colvin stated he intends to adjourn the meeting around 6:30 p.m., in order for himself and Council to attend the Cumberland County Commissioners swearing in ceremony; some items may need to be moved to accommodate the early adjournment.

#### **2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

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

#### **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda, with the exception of tabling Item 4.04, State Action Plan FY 21 Discussion, and Item 4.05, Introduction to Our Employer of Choice Framework to the January 2021 work session agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

#### **4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **4.01 Airport Brief to City Council**

Dr. Toney Coleman, Airport Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated Airport Management are presenting its plan for addressing passenger traffic at the Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY); to include marketing efforts, Airline Consultant support, and collaboration with FCEDC. Dr. Coleman stated the Fayetteville Regional Airport will keep moving forward despite the pandemic. The airport has initiated many COVID-19 response actions to include cleaning protocols.

Dr. Coleman introduced Mr. Doug Banez, Managing Director, Hubpoint. Mr. Banez stated global air travel has been severely impacted by COVID-19, and is not expected to fully recover until 2024. The Fayetteville airport is outpacing most carriers in terms of seat retention versus 2019 and is well above the domestic U.S. average. The Fayetteville passenger traffic is recovering faster than most other nearby airports, and since May of this year, load factors at Fayetteville have remained steady as year-over-year seat capacity has increased.

Ms. Tracey Montross, Government Affairs, American Airlines, and Mr. Tim DeBord, Regional Manager, Delta Airlines, provided an overview of how COVID-19 has affected these major airlines respectively.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor thanked Dr. Coleman for a very thorough and interesting presentation.

#### **4.02 Center City Parks and Trails Master Plan Review**

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director, presented this item with the aid of a Power-Point presentation and introduced Mr. Jay Pestrowski, Stewart Urban Design Architects. Mr. Pestrowski provided an overview of the Public Space Audit and Concept Plan, the Master Plan, and the Design Guide. Mr. Pestrowski provided maps displaying the overall concept, greenways and priority projects. Maps and conceptual drawings were provided for the MLK Park Enhancement and Expansion project, Catalyst Site Gateway, and Strambank Park.

Discussion ensued.

#### **4.03 External Committee follow-up: survey consultant, ETC Institute, reviews its survey proposal and sample size questions**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, asked Council to please e-mail any questions or concerns they may have on this item to himself and Ms. Wright-Lanier prior to the December 14, 2020, City Council meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to direct staff to add this item to the December 14, 2020, City Council meeting agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

#### **4.04 State Action Plan FY 21 Discussion**

This item was tabled to the January 2021 City Council work session agenda.

#### **4.05 Introduction to Our Employer of Choice Framework**

This item was tabled to the January 2021 City Council work session agenda.

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.