

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER/ZOOM MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2021  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2) (via zoom); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3) (via zoom); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6) (via zoom); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (via zoom); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Jay Toland, Interim Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Chris Cauley, Interim Economic and Community Development Director  
Rebecca Jackson, Chief of Staff  
Pamela Megill, 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 ALLEIGIANCE**

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

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda with moving Item 5.2 for presentation before Item 5.1.

**SECOND:** Council Member Haire

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5.2 Market House Options and Direction to Staff**

This item was moved for presentation before Item 5.1.

Mayor Colvin and Council members were provided a spreadsheet that listed the following four potential options for the Market House:

1. Repurpose as a Museum/Center/Art Gallery focused on African-American history or culture;
2. Relocating the Market House;
3. Demolish the Market House; or
4. Leave as Status Quo.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Kinston moved to remove Option 4, Status Quo, from the list of Market House Options.

SECOND: Council Member Haire  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

MOTION: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to adopt Option 3, Demolish the Market House.

SECOND: Council Member Kinston

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 2 in favor to 8 in opposition (Council Members Colvin, Jensen, Ingram, Waddell, Haire, Dawkins, Davis, and Wright)

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Waddell moved to hold a referendum in order for the citizens to be heard; to vote on whether to demolish the Market House or not.

SECOND: Council Member Kinston

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 4 in favor to 6 in opposition (Council Members Colvin, Jensen, Haire, Dawkins, Davis, and Wright)

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to direct staff to bring back suggestions for Option 1, Repurposing the Market House, and Option 2, Relocating the Market House; estimated costs, timelines, and details, within the next 90 days. And to eliminate Option 3, Demolishing the Market House, and Option 4, Status Quo, from the Market House Options as presented by staff.

SECOND: Council Member Dawkins

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Ingram, Waddell, Banks-McLaughlin, and Kinston)

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff will engage professionals to identify how the Market House could be moved, and how the Market House could be repurposed for how it may look as a museum and will report back to Council on various game plans on a regular basis.

## 5.1 Market House Murals

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to replace the mural around the Market House with the exact same wording as was originally placed; the mural to remain for a minimum of six months. Direct staff to bring back ideas and suggestions of where to permanently locate the mural.

SECOND: Council Member Ingram

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Waddell and Banks-McLaughlin)

Discussion ensued.

## 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.