

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER/ZOOM MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021
10:00 A.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) (via zoom); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (via zoom); Yvonne Kinston (District 9) (via zoom)

Cumberland County Delegation Present:

Senators Ben Clark (District 21); Kirk deViere (District 19)
Representatives Marvin W. Lucas (District 42); William O. Richardson (District 44); John Szoka (District 45); Diane Wheatley (District 43)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Interim Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Jackson, Chief of Staff
Chet McDowell, State Lobbyist
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 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion of the City of Fayetteville's State Legislative Agenda with the North Carolina Delegation

Mr. Chet McDowell, State Lobbyist, provided an overview of the State Action Plan which included economic development, public infrastructure, quality of life, and public safety.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the following list of action items:

- Support efforts to enhance local control of occupancy, food, and beverage revenues.
- Support full restoration of annexation authority.
- Oppose legislation that would change the distribution of local sales and use taxes that would negatively impact the City's budget.
- Support restoration of funds available for State Maintenance Assistance Program from the Department of Transportation.

- Seek Department of Transportation funding to support current public transit and transportation program.
- Support restoring the Airport Improvement Program to full funding.
- Support restoring Powell Bill distributions and oppose any efforts to cut funding.
- Identify and seek Department of Environment Quality funding opportunities to support stormwater infrastructure.
- Identify and seek DOT funding opportunities to support sidewalk maintenance, repairs and resurfacing.
- Support efforts to enhance the City's broadband infrastructure.
- Identify and seek funding opportunities from the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency to support resiliency planning as well as hurricane and flood recovery.
- Support efforts to sustain funding in support of NC Search and Rescue Teams.
- Support opportunities to increase access to affordable housing.
- Support efforts to preserve local control of outdoor advertising.
- Support efforts to preserve local control of short-term rentals within the City.
- Oppose legislation that places limitation on local government regulations concerning tree removal.
- Identify and seek funding opportunities from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for outdoor recreational needs.
- Support additional funding on matters of public safety.
- Support efforts to preserve local control of pension systems.

Mayor Colvin thanked everyone in attendance for participating in the conversations.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

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