

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 9:09 a.m.); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Jodi Phelps, Chief of Staff  
Edwin Speas, Attorney, Poyner Spruill LLP (via telephone)  
Keith Johnson, Attorney, Poyner Spruill LLP  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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**

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

**4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Thompson

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (6-0)

**5.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privileged and confidential matters for discussion of litigation in the matter of Robert Thomas Hurst, Jr., Karl William Merritt and Suzanne Pennink vs. Cumberland County Board of Elections, City of Fayetteville, Mitch Colvin, et al.

**SECOND:** Council Member Benavente

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (6-0)

The regular session recessed at 9:06 a.m. The regular session reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Dawkins moved to go into open session.

**SECOND:** Council Member Thompson

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to instruct the City Attorney to proceed with filing an appeal to the decision made yesterday, and pursue a stay.

**SECOND:** Council Member Thompson

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 4 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Jensen, Dawkins, and Hondros)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at  
10:09 a.m.