

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM, CITY HALL
OCTOBER 1, 2007
5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Council Charles E. Evans (District 2)(departed during discussion of Item 4); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Lois A. Kirby (District 5); Paul Williams (District 6); Juanita Gonzalez (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Curtis Worthy (District 7)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Stanley Victrum, Assistant City Manager

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police

Greg Caison, Stormwater Manager

Jimmy Teal, Planning Director

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director

Kyle Garner, Planner

Terrie Hutaff, Human Resource Development Director

Rusty Thompson, Traffic Engineer

Robert Barefoot, Parks and Recreation Director

J. D. Pone, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Chair

John Fersner, Consultant, U.S. Infrastructure

Chuck Billand, The Communities Group

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Press

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Kirby moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Gonzalez

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

2. APPROVAL OF THE JOINT USE CONTRACT WITH THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Robert Barefoot, Parks and Recreation Director, presented this item and provided a brief overview of the city's joint use of facilities agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Education. Mr. Barefoot stated changes to the current agreement, as requested by the Board of Education, would require the city to reimburse the school system for fees charged to them for building and fire inspections, traffic services and police fees. Mr. Barefoot responded to questions and discussion ensued regarding the previous years estimate of fees and establishing a cap for the reimbursement of fees.

Consensus of Council was to continue with a three-year agreement term and explore a maximum cap for fees.

3. REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF A DOG PARK

Mr. Barefoot presented this item and provided an overview of a proposal submitted by a citizen volunteer group for development of a dog park. Mr. Barefoot stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission endorsed the proposal and a city-owned site on Eastern Boulevard had been identified for development of the project. Mr. Barefoot responded to questions regarding estimated development costs, maintenance and oversight, liability to the

city and fund raising and donations from the citizen volunteer group. Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney, advised circumstances in a particular situation would have to be evaluated to determine whether the city would be liable.

Consensus of Council was for staff to proceed with development of the project.

Council Member Evans inquired about the success of the merger between the city and county Parks and Recreation Departments. Dale E. Iman, City Manager, called on J. D. Pone, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair, who offered positive comments regarding the merger. Mr. Barefoot reviewed five measures of success identified by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners when the contract was written and reported that all met or exceeded each year's standards. Mr. Barefoot responded to questions regarding staffing and the demographics of citizens served. Consensus was for Council Members to communicate their areas of interest to Mr. Iman to include in an upcoming report.

4.1ST QUARTER UPDATE ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, reviewed components of the Strategic Plan progress report, to include a dedicated webpage for citizens and timeline for quarterly updates and Council retreats. Mr. Hewett's update included progress made and anticipated actions for the following projects.

Policy Agenda – Top Priority:

Panhandling Strategy and Actions

HOPE VI

Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation

Military Business Park

Municipal Influence Area

Management Agenda:

Inspection Coordination

Performance-Based Evaluation and Coordination

Intergovernmental Agenda:

Air Quality Non Attainment

City-County Parks and Recreation Funding Source

Public Safety Radio System

Mrs. McDonald provided a report on research and development of panhandling strategies and stated staff's interest is to present a constitutionally sound ordinance that can be enforced.

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager, updated Council on plans for a new **unified development ordinance**. Mr. Sonnenberg responded to questions related to stakeholder involvement in the process and whether the new ordinance would address appropriate and compatible uses within zoning. Mr. Iman noted the process could take up to eighteen months from the date of onset and spoke to opportunities for Council involvement. Council Member Williams requested that the potential economic impact of conditional zoning be considered during the process.

Terrie Hutaff, Human Resource Development Director, responded to questions regarding the evaluation process for city employees and provided a timeline for utilization of a performance management system.

Discussion ensued regarding ways to link citizens to Strategic Plan updates and progress reports.

5. PROPOSED STORMWATER QUANTITY ORDINANCE

Greg Caison, Stormwater Manager, stated the proposed ordinance is in response to a request by Council for staff to propose a stormwater management ordinance to deal with excess stormwater drainage and runoff from new development. Mr. Caison stated the draft ordinance is intended to limit the rate of runoff from new development to predevelopment rates.

John Fersner, Consultant with U.S. Infrastructure, provided highlights of the proposed ordinance to include stormwater design plans, facilities, enforcement, exemptions, variances and appeals

and plans in progress.

Mr. Caison noted draft ordinance was provided to determine if the requirements set therein aligned with Council's goals and would be presented to the Stormwater Advisory Commission and stakeholders for input before returning to Council. Discussion followed.

6. HOPE VI

Chuck Billand, The Communities Group, spoke to the development of financial commitments for the project and reviewed physical and collateral resources being requested from the city as well as assistance being requested for infrastructure. Mr. Iman responded to questions regarding proposed contributions from the city for the project and stated cash contributions would come from the general fund. Consensus was to defer action pending action by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

7.SCREENING ORDINANCE FOR SALVAGE YARDS

Jimmy Teal, Planning Director, compared requirements of the current screening ordinance, the September 24th proposed screening ordinance and the October 1st proposed screening ordinance. Mr. Teal responded to questions and reviewed options available in response to concerns expressed by Council. Consensus was for a draft to be provided to Council prior to further consideration at their October 22, 2007 meeting.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD SPEEDING CONCERNS

Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police, reported on the investigation of traffic/speeding complaints in neighborhoods and other initiatives enacted by the Police Department and reviewed statistics for fatalities, crashes and citations. Mr. Iman commented on growth of the Citizens On Patrol (COPS) program and issues to consider as the program continues to grow. Chief Bergamine responded to questions related to Community Watch groups.

Rusty Thompson, Traffic Engineer, provided a presentation of traffic calming devices and stated most citizens want speed humps when presented with options for slowing traffic. Mr. Thompson responded to questions and stated the installation of speed humps and patching is by contract.

9. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS

A. PODS

Council Member Meredith stated he had received numerous calls from citizens regarding the unsightliness of PODS and the length of time they remain on properties. Consensus was for staff to return with an ordinance to establish guidelines and timeframes for PODS.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.