

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE ROOM  
MAY 22, 2013  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Council Members Keith Bates, Sr. (District 1); Robert A. Massey (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Bobby Hurst (District 5);

William J.L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Wade Fowler (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

(arrived at 5:07 p.m. and departed at 6:10 p.m.)

Absent: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne; Council Member Kady-Ann Davy (District 2)

Others Present:

Theodore L. Voorhees, City Manager  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager  
Dele Smith, Assistant City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Harold Medlock, Police Chief  
Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Tracey Broyles, Budget Manager  
Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director  
Tracie Davis, Corporate Communications Director  
Dwight Miller, PWC Chief Financial Officer  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Massey called the meeting to order.

## **2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

## **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Consensus of Council was to approve the agenda.

## **4.0 BUDGET ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Introduction and Budget Overview**

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a power point presentation. Mr. Voorhees reviewed the base budget and stated it would follow the budget guidelines set forth by Council. He stated the recommended budget would maintain the current tax rate of 45.6 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation and the Downtown Municipal Service District current tax rate of 10 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. He stated it would propose minor revenue enhancements in fees for stormwater and solid waste services, accommodate the Police Department's realignment and new organizational structure, transition from Time Warner Cable to the new FAY-TV7 government access channel to better communicate with the citizens, reassign the Stormwater Fund into the Street Sweeping program. He stated the recommended budget would also provide for a modest 2.5 percent merit pay increase opportunity. He stated the proposed budget would also include funds for the Capital Improvement Program and Information Technology Plan. He stated the base budget would establish a \$1 million revolving fund for corridor improvement initiatives and provide a \$1 million one-time boost to accelerate street resurfacing in response to feedback from citizens and City Council.

Mr. Voorhees addressed the following budget options that were outside of the base budget:

### **Parks and Recreation Project Proposals**

Option 1: 1.5 cent x 15 years = \$35,000,000.00

Option 2: 1 cent x 15 years = \$24,000,000.00

Option 3: .5 cent x 15 years = \$12,000,000.00

**Police Deployment Budget Proposal**

COPS Grant + 1 cent on tax rate = 15 officers + \$3 million for district office. This was a new opportunity presented by the federal grant cycle within the last month.

Mr. Voorhees then reviewed the following City PWC expense/revenue adjustments:

	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	Future Fiscal Years
<b>General Fund Expenditure Reductions</b>			
Electric Gross Receipts Tax/Power Supply Agreement	(499,600)	(499,600)	(499,600)
Purchasing Services	-	(157,204)	TBD
Fleet Maintenance Indirect Cost Allocation	-	(85,500)	(85,500)
Additional Fleet Maintenance Cost Adjustments	-	-	TBD
Fiber Services	-	TBD	TBD
Exchange Server Services	-	TBD	TBD
Fort Bragg Water Infrastructre Repayment	-	-	TBD
Total	(499,600)	(742,304)	(585,100)
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>			
PWC Government Access Channel Contribution	-	85,000	85,000
Total Benefit for General Fund	499,600	827,304	670,100

Mr. Voorhees then itemized the 22 recommended new initiatives at a net cost of \$1,387,281.00 as follows:

- Transit - Add a new route – Strickland Bridge Road
- Human Resources Development - High Density Filing System for Personnel Records
- Transit – Fort Bragg morning and evening service
- Development Services - Building Division vehicles
- Police – Forensic Manager
- Environmental Services – Code Enforcement Administrator
- Transit – Transit Security
- Transit – Increase Intermittent Base Pay to \$12.53
- Human Relations – Study Circles
- Fire – Honor Guard over-time pay
- Transit – Route 14 Express
- City Manager’s Office – Secretary Position
- Development Services – Senior Planner
- Information Technology – Desktop Support Technician
- Community Development – Community Development Planner
- HRD – Kenexas – Compensation Software Tool
- City Clerk – Part-time Records Technician (OAI) – One-time contract

- Parks and Recreation – Trash Pickup
- Development Services – Planning and Zoning Administrator
- Engineering and Infrastructure – Unfreeze Engineer II
- Corporate Communications – Government Access Channel coordinator
- Parks and Recreation – New Century School/Park

Following the presentation, a question and answer period ensued.

Mr. Voorhees informed Council that the recommended budget would be discussed further at the regular meeting on May 28, 2013; budget work session on May 29, 2013; work session on June 3, 2013; and regular meeting on June 10, 2013. He further informed Council the public hearing on the budget would be held during the June 10, 2013, meeting with the possibility of adoption of the budget.

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.