

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith Bates, Sr. (District 1); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (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) (via telephone); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present:

Ted Voorhees, City Manager
Kristoff Bauer, Assistant City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Rusty Thompson, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Scott Shuford, Development Services Director
Karen Hilton, Planning and Zoning Division Manager
Randy Hume, Transit Director
Tracie Davis, Communications Director
Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Strategic Planning Manager
Steven Blanchard, PWC CEO/General Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Dr. Floyd Johnson, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Chavonne, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Excellence for "The Designing Station" to Ms. Cheri Smith, Executive Director, for The Designing Station's dedicated and untiring commitment to the citizens of Fayetteville through its furniture bank program serving residents with no or low income as well as donating school furniture to local schools.

Council Members Chavonne and Hurst, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation to Ms. Crystal McNair and Ms. Lynn Thomas, members of the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Commission, and Mr. Ron McElrath, Human Relations Director, proclaiming February 2013 Human Relations Month.

In honor of African American History Month, Council Members Chavonne and Massey, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation of appreciation commemorating the African Americans who served the City of Fayetteville as Town Commissioners, Aldermen, Council Members, and Mayor from 1868 through 2009.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hurst moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a public forum.

SECOND: Council Member Bates

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

4.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Mathew Chander, Harringdale Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the proposed increase of transit fares and stated citizens on low budgets would not be able to afford the increases.

Mr. Ray Smith, 5110 Foxfire Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding speeding traffic on Bonanza Drive and stated he was in opposition to commercial property locating and operating in that area.

Ms. Harmony Sells, Fayetteville, NC, presented concerns she had with the Cumberland County Social Services Department and the Child Protection Agency.

Amir Eronomy Mohammed Smith, 2700 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed opposition to the proposed transit fare increases.

Mr. Brandon Allen, 100 Alok Street, Fayetteville, NC, presented a slide show presentation from New Life Mission on homelessness and shelters in Fayetteville.

5.0 CONSENT

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 5.4 which was pulled for a separate vote.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Council Member Haire made a friendly amendment to include pulling Item 5.5 for a separate vote.

Council Member Bates accepted the friendly amendment.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5.1 Approve meeting minutes:

November 13, 2012 - Regular

November 14, 2012 - Agenda Briefing

November 20, 2012 - Special Meeting

November 26, 2012 - Discussion of Agenda Items

November 26, 2012 - Regular

December 3, 2012 – Work Session

December 10, 2012 - Regular

January 23, 2013 - Agenda Briefing

5.2 Addition of certain streets to the City of Fayetteville System of Streets.

Council officially accepted the dedication of streets for maintenance and addition to the City of Fayetteville system of streets. The list included 4 residential paved streets adding up to a total of 0.7 miles.

5.3 Adoption of Calendar Year 2013 Federal Legislative Agenda.

5.4 Pulled for a separate vote by Council Member Bates.

5.5 Pulled for a separate vote by Council Member Haire.

5.6 A resolution to seek the amendment of an Act to require counties and cities near military bases to give notice of land-use planning changes to such bases.

A RESOLUTION TO SEEK THE AMENDMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION LAW 2004-75, SENATE BILL 1161, ENACTED JULY 8, 2004. RESOLUTION NO. R2013-010.

5.7 PWC - Phase 5 Annexation Areas 14 and 15.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING CONSTRUCTION OF AREAS 14 AND 15 OF THE PHASE 5 ANNEXATION UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BE UNDERTAKEN. RESOLUTION NO. R2013-011.

5.4 Adoption of the 2013-2014 State Legislative Agenda.

This item was pulled for a separate vote by Council Member Bates. He stated he wanted to go on record that he was in opposition to item number four of the 2013-2014 State Legislative Agenda which was to seek legislation to allow the City of Fayetteville to confidentially disclose limited personnel information to the members of the Citizen Complaint Review Board to facilitate its review of police disciplinary cases.

MOTION: Council Member Hurst moved to approve the 2013-2014 State Legislative Calendar.

SECOND: Council Member Applewhite

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor and 2 in opposition (Council Members Bates and Applewhite)

5.5 City and PWC consolidation resolution and Budget Ordinance Amendment 2013-9.

This item was pulled for a separate vote by Council Member Haire. He inquired of the City Manager how the item had come about and requested the City Manager provide a history on the item for citizens that had not attended prior work sessions. Mr. Ted Voorhees, City Manager, responded during the FY 2013 strategic planning retreat, Council discussed the City's relationship with PWC and the Fayetteville utilities managed thereby. He stated while the history of the relationship was lengthy and varied there was strong consensus from Council that opportunities to gain efficiencies through the consolidation and/or reorganization of support services should be explored in pursuit of lowering costs for both the utility rate payers and City tax payers. He further stated the City and PWC consolidation study was identified as a Target for Action (TFA) and a high priority policy action for FY 2013 in the City's strategic plan, and therefore discussed with PWC and included in their strategic planning process. He noted the PWC action item was more vague than what was established by Council. He further noted two new PWC Commissioners had been appointed who had not participated in the dialog that led to the two similar expressions of interest. He advised the action plan prepared by staff in pursuit of advancing the policy objective included working with Council to clarify short- and long-term objectives. He further explained the resolution would provide an opportunity for the Council to establish its expectations of both City staff and PWC. He stated at the February 4, 2013, City Council meeting, the consensus of Council regarding the resolution was to bring it forward at the next regular City Council meeting for formal consideration and there was also discussion regarding the RFP that was issued in December. He advised consistent with the action plan, staff issued an RFP seeking analytical and managerial support for the project and there had been three responses. He stated based on the review of the three proposals and Council direction, staff recommendation was to enter into an agreement with Davenport Lawrence. Council Member Haire inquired if the City turned over the purchasing procedure to PWC because they could provide a better service. Mr. Voorhees responded he could not speak to that as he was not with the City of Fayetteville at that time.

Mayor Chavonne requested the PWC General Manager respond to the question. Mr. Steven Blanchard, PWC CEO/General Manager, responded the City and PWC reviewed consolidation of various operations and it was decided PWC would operate fleet maintenance and purchasing and the Police Department would operate the emergency radio system. He explained the Information Technology operations were to remain separate.

Council Member Applewhite inquired of the Assistant City Manager as to when the RFP had been issued. Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Assistant City Manager, responded October of 2012 and explained there had been only three responses. He further explained this was a difficult area to be proficient in and was a very specialized area.

Council Member Applewhite inquired as to the actual amount of the budget amendment. Mr. Bauer responded \$100,000.00 for the first phase of implementation.

Council Member Applewhite inquired if there would be additional phases at additional costs. Mr. Bauer confirmed that could be a possibility and explained the initial scope was on financial services.

Council Member Fowler inquired if the reason they were looking at consolidation was for savings. Mr. Voorhees responded cost savings was a goal but efficiencies and appropriate alignment of governance were also key factors.

Mayor Pro Tem Arp inquired of the City Manager if he thought the cost of the studies would be absorbed by the result of the cost efficiencies. Mr. Voorhees stated he believed there would be a relationship and did not see how a savings of \$100,000.00 could not be achieved. He stated this could be a cost savings without layoffs.

Council Member Bates inquired as to the budget limitation if they passed the resolution and not the budget amendment. Mr. Voorhees responded if they were asking to operate within the existing budget, they would have to conduct a budget review to identify appropriate funding. He stated the resolution was dependent on the budget amendment.

Council Member Massey stated he was on Council when the initial process of consolidation between the City and PWC took place, and at that time, when the process unfolded, the intent was to save money, it was not an issue of whether one was operating better than the other, it was of savings and also an issue of buying in bulk, which was normally a more economical way to purchase. He stated they looked at the biggest bang for their buck.

Council Member Crisp stated the consulting services may not require a Phase II or III and they would have the ability to pull the plug at any time, and they do not need to put the cart before the horse.

Further discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE SUPPORTING THE CITY CHARTER AND THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND FUNCTIONAL CONSOLIDATIONS THAT BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF FAYETTEVILLE. RESOLUTION NO. R2013-009.

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to adopt the resolution supporting the City Charter and the Public Works Commission and directing the City Manager to evaluate and recommend functional consolidations that benefit the citizens of Fayetteville.

SECOND: Council Member Massey

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Bates, Applewhite, and Haire)

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Amendment to City Code Chapter 30, Development Standards, to make various minor adjustments and corrections including consolidating duplicate sign sections; providing for canopy signs in the downtown district; revising the street yard definition; revising glazing, canopies and yard areas, and nonconforming sites and lots; and distinguishing between base district standards versus official design review (e.g. historic) standards.

Ms. Karen Hilton, Planning and Zoning Division Manager, presented this item with the aid of a power point presentation. She stated the proposed amendments reflected corrections staff had been accumulating, or adjustments that staff considered minor that had emerged during daily application of the new development code. She further stated this was part of an ongoing overall fine-tuning and correcting typical of completely re-written codes.

Council Member Haire requested clarification on the section pertaining to canopy or marquee signs. Ms. Hilton clarified that the slight modification of existing standards for canopy or marquee signs, limited to the Downtown District, would add the ability to place the lettering on the top of the canopy marquee under certain circumstances.

Council Member Fowler inquired who would determine what was “inviting”. Ms. Hilton responded that buildings with windows typically provided a more welcoming feel and a higher comfort level as opposed to a brick wall.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. There was no one present to speak and the public hearing was opened and closed.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND MINOR ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING ADJUSTING NONCONFORMING STANDARDS, MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MANDATORY DESIGN REVIEW AND OTHER BASE DISTRICT STANDARDS, AND STANDARDS FOR DOWNTOWN CANOPY OR MARQUEE SIGNS; CLARIFYING SIGNS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AND THE GLAZING AREA FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATE LANGUAGE FOR SIGNS [collectively referred to as Set 7]. ORDINANCE NO. S2013-002.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to adopt the ordinance amendment as presented by staff based on the finding that all seven review standards provided in Article 30-2 for text amendments were met.

SECOND: Council Member Hurst

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Council Member Fowler made a friendly amendment to exclude the section on glazing requirements.

Council Members Bates and Hurst accepted the friendly amendment.

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Haire, and Applewhite)

7.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of the transit fare structure and amendment to the City's Fee Schedule.

Mr. Randall Hume, Transit Director, presented this item with the aid of a power point presentation and stated at the November 5, 2012, City Council meeting, staff presented a Transit Fare Policy and reviewed a Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT) recommendation to increase passenger fare rates, along with other adjustments to passes and transfers in order to ensure the City could continue to make transit service improvements. He further stated during January, Transit staff conducted five public outreach meetings in addition to the public hearing held by City Council on January 28, 2013. In addition, he stated meetings were held with groups that had special interest in transit, the services, and fares. He noted Transit received nine comments from the scheduled workshops and the majority of the comments were in regard to the need for more services, operational/customer service improvements, improved communications regarding route adjustments and detours. He further noted feedback from other meetings focused on the impact of the increase on the low-income population, particularly in light of other subsistence cuts and increased costs the population could be facing. He concluded by stating staff recommended the Council move to pass the resolution, approving transit fare rates and to amend the FY 2013 fee schedule.

A brief discussion period ensued.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSIT FARE RATES AND TO AMEND THE FY 2013 FEE SCHEDULE. RESOLUTION NO. R2013-012.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to adopt the resolution approving transit fare rates and to amend the FY 2013 Fee Schedule.

SECOND: Council Member Hurst

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Davy)

7.2 Uninhabitable structures demolition recommendations.

Mr. Scott Shuford, Development Services Director, presented this item with the aid of a power point presentation and multiple photographs of the properties. He stated staff recommended adoption of the ordinances authorizing demolition of the structures. He reviewed the following demolition recommendations:

303 Brookwood Avenue

Mr. Shuford stated the structure was a vacant residential home that was inspected and condemned as a blighted structure on August 3, 2012. He further stated the owner had not appeared at the hearing and therefore an order to repair or demolish the structure within 60 days was issued. He noted to date there were no repairs to the structure and the utilities were disconnected in December 2006. He further noted within the past 24 months there had been 2 calls for 911 service and 5 code violations with a pending assessment of \$341.18 for a lot cleaning. He advised the low bid for demolition was \$2,200.00.

1522 Lacy Street

Mr. Shuford stated the structure was a vacant residential home that was inspected and condemned as a blighted structure on August 22, 2012. He further stated the heirs of the owner attended the hearing and an order was issued to repair or demolish the structure within 90 days. He noted to date there had been no repairs to the structure and the utilities were disconnected in July 2012. He further noted within the past 24 months there had been 10 calls for 911 service and 10 code violations with no pending assessments. He advised the low bid for demolition was \$1,600.00.

324 Lincoln Drive

Mr. Shuford stated the structure was a vacant residential home that was inspected and condemned as a blighted structure on September 4, 2012, and was also the subject of a fire on

March 3, 2010. He further stated the owner attended the hearing and an order to repair or demolish the structure within 90 days was issued. He noted to date there had been no repairs to the structure and the utilities were disconnected in March 2010. He further noted within the past 24 months there had been 36 calls for 911 service and 8 code violations with no pending assessments. He advised the low bid for demolition was \$1,590.00.

618 Mechanic Street

Mr. Shuford stated the structure was a vacant residential home that was inspected and condemned as a blighted structure on August 14, 2012. He further stated the owner had not appeared at the hearing and therefore an order to repair or demolish the structure within 60 days was issued. He noted to date there had been no repairs to the structure and the utilities were disconnected in December 2009. He further noted within the past 24 months there had been 59 calls for 911 service and 4 code violations with a pending assessment of \$958.03 for a lot cleaning. He advised the low bid for demolition was \$1,575.00.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY (303 Brookwood Avenue, PIN 0438-64-6047). ORDINANCE NO. NS2013-007.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY (1522 Lacy Street, PIN 0427-81-8263). ORDINANCE NO. NS2013-008.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY (324 Lincoln Drive, PIN 0437-71-8396). ORDINANCE NO. NS2013-009.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY (618 Mechanic Street, PIN 0437-67-0826). ORDINANCE NO. NS2013-010.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to adopt the ordinances authorizing demolition of the structures.

SECOND: Council Member Hurst

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.3 Revenue and Expenditure Report for annual funds for the six-month period ended December 31, 2012.

Ms. Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item with the aid of a power point presentation.

This item was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

7.4 Hire Fayetteville First - Disparity study request for proposals (Council Member Haire - request).

Council Member Haire stated they now had an opportunity to vote on the disparity study and hoped there was no fanfare tonight.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to direct staff to issue an RFP for contractual services to complete a disparity study regarding City purchasing activities analyzing all classes identified in City Council Policy 135.2 and bring responses, upon receipt, to Council for review.

SECOND: Council Member Applewhite

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor to 5 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Arp, Hurst, Bates, and Fowler)

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to direct staff to issue an RFP for contractual services to complete a disparity study regarding City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, Cumberland County Schools, and the City of Spring Lake purchasing activities analyzing all classes identified in City Council Policy 135.2 and bring responses, upon receipt, to Council for review.

SECOND: Council Member Applewhite

Council Member Applewhite addressed concerns as to why some Council members were voting in opposition and referenced fiscal conservatism, sour grapes because the parks and recreation bond issue failed miserably, or lack of understanding of exactly what a disparity study was. She concluded by stating if the disparity study did not pass tonight, it would pass at the ballot in November.

Council Member Haire stated he was disappointed with the outcome of the first vote and also disappointed with the way the agenda item was written as it did not include a budget amendment to support financing a disparity study. He stated they had an opportunity to move forward with creating jobs.

Mayor Pro Tem Arp stated he was in favor of Fayetteville First, but not in favor of excluding anyone and stated he thought the best interest for all was to put steps forward that could be implemented immediately that would allow all businesses to compete. He stated there were organizations in the City that were there to assist small businesses. He stated a lot of these forums at State and Federal level intended to help and encourage small businesses were poorly attended. He stated he believed there were eight steps they could take that would be positive to all business owners. He stated they do not solve disparity by creating disparity and they take down all barriers and make the playing field level.

Council Member Fowler stated there were opportunities out there and there were other avenues other than the disparity study.

Council Member Bates stated he wanted to clarify the July vote that was 10 to 0 for a Hire Fayetteville First Job Creation Policy. He stated when the item was returned, and a price tag was quoted, he was no longer in favor and had not supported it since because of the associated price tag.

Council Member Hurst stated at the last strategic planning sessions a resolution for PWC consolidation was included and from the strategic planning sessions they worked on the budget and an appropriation was included for that item. He stated he did not recall the disparity study being mentioned and therefore there would be no appropriation.

Further discussion followed.

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor to 5 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Arp, Hurst, Bates, and Fowler)

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Arp moved that the City Council should direct the implementation of the following steps of Fayetteville First to create a business environment that increases the percentage of local government expenditures to local businesses and facilitates the creation of jobs in the local economy:

1. Any and all actions they take should be to the benefit of all local businesses interested in pursuing City contracts (including PWC) without regard to size or socio-economic status.
2. No actions should be taken that duplicate existing assistance offered by the SBA or other entities that provide assistance to businesses.
3. The City can take immediate measures that will ensure all businesses have visibility on the acquisition and source selection process used for Request for Quotes (RFQs) and Request for Proposals (RFPs) at no additional cost to the City.
4. All opportunities (RFQs and RFPs) shall be posted to include contracting and business opportunities on the City and PWC web site.
5. A system shall be established to record and track City and PWC expenditures to various local businesses on a go-forward basis effective with purchases made March 1, 2013, and after.

6. The tracking systems should be based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy (so as to not create a redundant process or system).

7. City and PWC staff shall implement usage of “Matchforce” as a means of notification to registered vendors (each vendor self registers on Matchforce) by:

a. Entering all future solicitations (when appropriate in the acquisition process). This includes Request for Information (RFI), Request for Quotes (RFQs), and Request for Proposals (RFPs).

b. Directing Chamber, CEED, FBPL, etc., to promote to their members to register.

c. City/PWC Purchasing Agents review business profile to identify local business respondents.

d. City/PWC Purchasing Agents query the local business database to identify local vendors providing the goods and services they are looking for.

8. Measures should be implemented immediately by the staff that provide the following:

a. Support Chamber of Commerce’s “Buy Local” Promotional Campaign by providing links from City web site to Chamber web site with program details; include “Buy Local” on City correspondence; promote on Kaleidoscope; and consider banners.

b. Co-sponsor CEED’s training classes on “Doing Business with Local Government.”

c. Co-sponsor, with CEED and other economic development organizations, a Local Business Expo that provides training opportunities and dissemination of City and PWC contracting opportunities for local business. (Contracting/Purchasing Fair.)

SECOND: Council Member Hurst

Council Member Applewhite requested a substitute motion to bring the item back to a work session to provide for discussion and definitions, and stated she thought the presentation of the item tonight with such late notice was disingenuous.

Council Member Bates requested the motion be brought to a work session for further research and additional time to review.

Council Member Crisp stated he did not want to vote against the motion, but was unable to vote for it as he has not had enough opportunity to study it.

Council Member Haire stated he believed protocol issues were not being followed, by the manner in which the item was presented.

Council Member Hurst stated everyone has had several months to review the item as it was first sent out via e-mail by Mayor Chavonne in November of 2012, and it was almost identical to the eight steps being presented tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Arp stated he had tried to talk about the item at prior work sessions and stated he hoped the Council could come to a consensus to do something immediately to help local businesses.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Applewhite moved to request the motion Mayor Pro Tem Arp had brought forward tonight be brought to the next available work session so it could be further reviewed.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

Mayor Chavonne relinquished the Chair to Mayor Pro Tem Arp and stated the Council started to discuss “Local Business” in May of 2010 and since that time Council Member Haire had been a constant advocate of the item, and needed to be commended for such. He provided an overview of all Council discussion and actions taken on the item over the past three years, and stated the Council had not taken one concrete action to assist local businesses.

Council Member Fowler requested they move forward with the things they could move on and continue to work on the things they could not agree on.

Council Member Crisp stated he was concerned the eight steps could over burden staff with additional duties when they were already stretched.

Mayor Pro Tem Arp responded many of the steps were already in place and the intent was not to burden staff.

Further discussion followed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor to 5 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Arp, Hurst, Davy, and Fowler)

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Haire, Massey, Applewhite, and Crisp)

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

8.1 N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 Closed Session for a personnel matter.

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to postpone the closed session.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Arp

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.