

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM
MAY 27, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (excused at 7:30 p.m.); James W. Arp (District 9)

Absent: Theodore Mohn (District 8)

Others Present:

Theodore Voorhees, City Manager

Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager

Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager

Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager

Karen McDonald, City Attorney

Lee Jernigan, Interim Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Greg Caison, Stormwater Manager

Brad Whited, Airport Director

Randy Hume, Transit Director

Ben Major, Fire Chief

Gerald Dietzen, Environmental Services Director

Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director

Bradley Chandler, Assistant Chief of Police

Jacques Howard, Economic Development Director

Jane Starling, Deputy City Clerk

Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hurst moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member McDougald

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

5.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Community Investment Portfolio Department Overviews Continued

Engineering and Infrastructure

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Interim Engineering and Infrastructure Director, presented this item and stated the budget is \$19,961,439.00. Full-time employees equal 110.0. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

Stormwater/Drainage Improvement Projects Overview

Mr. Greg Caison, Stormwater Manager, presented this item and stated the proposed fee increase is 25 cents per year. He listed planned Stormwater Projects for the next five years.

Discussion ensued.

5.2 Operations Portfolio

Airport

Mr. Brad Whited, Airport Director, presented this item and stated the budget is \$4,541,115.00. Full-time employees equal 23.0. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

Transit

Mr. Randy Hume, Transit Director, presented this item and stated the budget is \$8,235,607.00. Full-time employees equal 114.5. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

Fire and Emergency Management

Fire Chief Ben Major presented this item and stated the budget is \$26,640,051.00. Full-time employees equal 325.0. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to excuse Council Member Wright at 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Services

Mr. Gerald Dietzen, Environmental Services Director, presented this item and stated the budget is \$11,195,336.00. Full-time employees equal 74.2. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

Police Carryover of Funding for Additional Police Positions

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and recommended that at the close of fiscal year 2015, designate any remaining budget for start-up equipment, uniforms, etc., that has not been spent or encumbered for rollover to fiscal year 2016.

Discussion ensued.

Parks, Recreation and Maintenance

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director, presented this item and stated the budget is \$19,590,248.00. Full-time employees equal 4.0. A review of the department highlights was provided.

Discussion ensued.

5.3 Council Direction for Adjustments to Recommended Budget

Parks and Recreation Funding for Police Overtime

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the pilot program could be funded from a fund balance appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council is to move forward with staff recommendation.

Dr. E.E. Smith House Restoration Project

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the recommendation of staff is to refer final decision to a later day and spend \$20,000.00 of the budgeted \$250,000.00 amount for lot cleaning and signage.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council is to move forward with staff recommendation.

Economic Development Website

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the recommendation of staff is based upon progress made to date and projections for the City-wide website, the \$25,000.00 is recommended to be removed from the Economic and Business Development budget proposal.

Consensus of Council was to move forward with staff recommendation.

Central Business Tax District/Downtown Alliance Contract

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the recommendation of staff is to transfer \$118,000.00 to the Downtown Alliance to supplement private funds to continue staffing and operating support for downtown activities.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to move forward with staff recommendation.

Affordable Housing Fund

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the recommendation of staff is to move the proposed funding to the Community Development budget based upon further discussion of areas of responsibility.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to move forward with staff recommendation.

Transit Fee Schedule Revisions

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item and stated the recommendation of staff is to offer day passes at 25 cents and monthly passes at \$20.00 for all Cumberland County court programs.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to move forward with staff recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding a letter of response to Senator Meredith in the PWC Charter matter.

Consensus of Council was for Ms. Karen McDonald, City Attorney, to draft a letter for Council to sign on Monday June 1, 2015, which will then be sent to the Senator.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.