

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
J.W. SEABROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 3, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Robert T. Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager

Stanley Victrum, Assistant City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

B.E.(Benny)Nichols, Fire/Emergency Management Chief

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer

Renee Burke, Parks and Rec. Festival Park Coordinator

Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist

Todd Jensen, Creative Services Manager

Kenneth Mayner, Graphic Designer

Shawnelle Jones, Customer Services Representative

Daniel Penrod, Webmaster

Cindy Preas, Real Estate Manager

Brenda Barbour, Administrative Secretary to the Mayor

Candice White, City Clerk

George W. Breece

Members of the Press

Mr. George W. Breece welcomed those in attendance and the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry opened the ceremony with the posting of the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Dr. Allen S. McLauchlin, Senior Pastor of the New Life Bible Church, offered the invocation.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Anthony G. Chavonne was sworn in by Ms. Candice H. White, City Clerk, City of Fayetteville.

Mr. Keith A. Bates, District 1, was sworn in by The Honorable John M. Tyson, Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Mr. Charles E. Evans, District 2, was sworn in by Mr. J. Lee Warren, Jr., Cumberland County Register of Deeds.

Mr. Robert A. Massey, Jr., District 3, was sworn in by The Honorable Edward A. Pone, Judge, North Carolina District Court.

Mr. Darrell J. Haire, District 4, was sworn in by The Honorable Larry Shaw, Senator, North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Robert Thomas Hurst, Jr., District 5, was sworn in by The Honorable John W. Tyson, North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Mr. William J. L. Crisp, District 6, was sworn in by The Honorable Talmage S. Baggett, Jr., Judge, North Carolina District Court.

Mrs. Valencia A. Applewhite, District 7, was sworn in by The Honorable John M. Tyson, Judge, North Carolina District Court.

Mr. Theodore W. Mohn, District 8, was sworn in by Mr. J. Breeden Blackwell, Chairman, Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wesley A. Meredith, District 9, was sworn in by The Honorable John M. Tyson, Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals.

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Evans

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

3. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Chavonne called for nominations for the Mayor Pro Tempore position.

MOTION: Council Member Massey nominated Council Member Meredith for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

SECOND: Council Member Bates

Nominations were closed.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

4. Remarks/Adjournment

Mayor Chavonne offered introductory remarks and presented Fayetteville Forward, A Citizen-focused Action Plan for Fayetteville's Future, as contained herein. The document was signed by the Mayor and Council Members.

Fayetteville Forward

A Citizen-focused Action Plan for Fayetteville's Future

As recently elected members of this new Fayetteville City Council, we propose to instill new ways of governing that promote honesty, openness, mutual respect and bonds of trust between the citizens of Fayetteville and their elected representatives.

This year's election provides the opportunity to recommit ourselves to a journey toward a greater city and to honor the actions of councils past. That is why we, the Fayetteville City Council, outline a detailed agenda that is citizen-focused for our city's growth and renewal. Let this serve as a written commitment to the citizens of Fayetteville and their elected representatives.

This agenda represents a new approach by City Council that refocuses our attention to the greater good for all of Fayetteville's citizens.

Therefore, the new City Council will immediately pass, on its day of inauguration, the following major reforms confirming their support and their commitment to each other and to the citizens of Fayetteville.

- FIRST, that City Council members shall be responsive to all the citizens of Fayetteville regardless of race, religion, social class or profession;
- SECOND, that City Council members shall treat fellow Council members, City management staff and employees with professional respect and courtesy;
- THIRD, that City Council members will be honest in actions and in dealing with each other;
- FOURTH, that City Council members will work to promote effective communication among Council members themselves, with City management staff and with citizens, and will honor the council-manager form of municipal government;
- FIFTH, that City Council members will distinguish themselves with professional, effective and open public meetings, and will represent the city of Fayetteville with the highest personal integrity and leadership.

Thereafter, within the first 100 days of this new Council's inauguration on December 3, 2007, we shall bring to the City Council the following actions, each to be given full and open debate, each to be given a clear and fair vote and each to be made available for public discussion and input.

BRAC OPPORTUNITIES

Approve the local BRAC Task Force marketing plan to promote Fayetteville as an appealing location for incoming families to reside and as a destination for military-related businesses.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Approve a policy and process to ensure that the City maintains a five-year funding and prioritization plan for capital additions and improvements during each budget year.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Review current City policies to ensure that citizen complaints, especially those that involve the Police Department or legal matters, are handled in a consistent and appropriate manner that ensures equal treatment and enforces public trust in the process.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Approve the conceptual plan for the North Carolina State Veterans' Park in downtown Fayetteville.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Approve an economic development incentive program to stimulate commercial, industrial and residential development where the City has existing infrastructure and service capacity.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Approve a plan with Cumberland County that ensures the equitable and smart extension of sewer services, ensures that development includes urban services and returns the City as a participating member of the joint planning process.

MURCHISON ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Finalize contract with consultant to facilitate the Murchison Road Corridor Study.

NON-CONFORMING SALVAGE YARDS

Consider a proposed ordinance that would require all non-conforming salvage yards within the city of Fayetteville to become conforming land uses over a three-year period.

PANHANDLING

Adopt an effective and enforceable ordinance that will deter panhandling in the city.

PARKING

Consider the report from the parking consultant that identifies the location of the proposed parking deck and quantifies costs and financing options.

RECYCLING

Approve the final system design elements, budget implementation and project implementation schedule, and award necessary contracts to initiate a curbside recycling program.

RENTAL INSPECTION

Consider a proposed Rental Inspection Ordinance that focuses on compliance with the Minimal Housing Code to ensure dwelling units meet certain standards related to the basic life safety needs of the residents of the city of Fayetteville (light, ventilation, occupancy limitation, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire safety requirements).

RIM ROAD WATER ISSUE

Approve a plan to extend municipal public water to serve the homes with contaminated wells in the Rim Road area of the city of Fayetteville.

SEWER EXTENSION PLAN

Consider a funding plan to extend sewer to all of the homes in the recently annexed areas of Fayetteville.

TRANSIT SYSTEM

Consider the results of the consultant's operation audit of the Transit Department and consider staff recommendations for improvements, including the creation of a citizen advisory board, designed to be the first step towards the regional transit study expected in 2008.

5. Retire the Colors

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry closed the ceremony with the retiring of colors.

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

6. Reception

Following adjournment of the meeting, a reception was held in the foyer of the J. W. Seabrook Performing Arts Center.