

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
APRIL 8, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3) (arrived at 5:45 p.m.); D. J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Katherine K. Jensen (District 1)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney  
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief  
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney  
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney  
Paul Allen, Assistant City Attorney  
Robert Ramirez, Assistant Police Chief  
Kellie Berg, Assistant Police Chief  
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and stated Council will need to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege and personnel matters but wants to discuss the agenda first.

Council Member Greene requested pulling Item 8.04, Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2024-18 and Budget Ordinance Amendment 2024-11 to Appropriate Additional Funding to Fire Station 4 Relocation Project and move it to Item 9.02 for a separate vote and asked for the breakdown of costs. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, stated \$730,000.00 was for work that had already occurred, and to keep the architect, Stewart, Cooper, and Newell, on for continuity and quality control. He further stated that \$360,000.00 is for initial litigation expected costs.

Council Member Hondros asked for staff explanation of Item 8.02, Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2024-10 to Appropriate the 2023 MOTIVA First Responder Grant. Assistant Police Chief Kellie Berg stated the MOTIVA grant is for medical equipment to upfit vehicles.

Council Member Hondros asked for staff explanation of Item 8.03, Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2024-19 and 2024-20 to appropriate additional funding for the Adam Street Drainage Improvement Project. Ms. Shelia Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director, stated the Public Works Commission usually reimburses about \$500,000.00 and the rest comes from the stormwater fee.

Council Member Hondros asked for staff explanation of Item 8.05, Adoption of BOA 2024-12 to appropriate funds for the Property and Liability Fund. Mr. Yates stated the insurance renewal was higher than expected and in addition there was a higher number of accidents.

Council Member Haire asked for Council consensus to appoint Jay Wyatt and move Ms. Judy Dawkins to an alternate board. Discussion ensued. Consensus of the Council was to table the item.

## CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privilege and personnel matters.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Benavente  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The regular session recessed at 6:12 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to go into open session.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Davis  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to appoint Lachelle Pulliam as City Attorney and authorize Mayor Colvin to sign the contract.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor of 2 in opposition. (Council Members Benavente and Hondros)

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.