FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2);

Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A.

Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Stanley Victrum, Assistant City Manager Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police

B.E. Nichols, Fayetteville Fire Chief

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waster Director

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Jeffrey Brown, Engineer

Frank Simpson, Inspections Director

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Adolph Thomas, Community Relations Specialist

Brad Whited, Fayetteville Regional Airport Director

Robert Barefoot, Parks and Recreation Director

Kathy McPhail, Risk Management Director

Tracey Glover, Information Technology Manager

Theresa Chance, Human Resource Development Department

Ron Macaluso, Transit Director

Mick Noland, PWC Operating Officer - Water Resources

Joe Glass, PWC Engineering Manager – Water Resources

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager

Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist

Shawnell Jones, Customer Service Representative

Deborah Daniels, Management Services Department

Members of the Press

1. Call meeting to order and welcome.

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to those in attendance.

2. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Council Member Hurst.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chavonne led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

4. Presentations

Introduction of Recycling Program

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waster Director, provided an overview of the single stream-recycling program and explained benefits associated with recycling. Mr. Dietzen stated drop off sites would still be available to residents of multi-family units until such time as a multi-family recycling program could be implemented as directed by City Council. Mr. Dietzen stated the single-family recycling program would begin in July 2008 and further information would be provided in late June 2008.

Update on Veteran's Park and Northwest Gateway

Mr. Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the North Carolina Veteran's Park and the Northwest Gateway project. Mr. Sonnenberg briefly outlined redevelopment plans for multi-family housing units in the vicinity and concepts for a roundabout that would reorganize traffic along Bragg Boulevard, West Rowan Street and Murchison Road. Mr. Sonnenberg stated plans were accessible on the city's website and presentation boards could be viewed at the Capital Building on Hay Street.

Fayetteville Police Department

Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police, provided statistics for 2007 and January 2008 related to traffic citations, traffic accidents and fatalities. Chief Bergamine spoke to proactive measures taken by the Police Department, successes of the Citizens on Patrol program, participation in the IDLE program and collaborative efforts within the community. Chief Bergamine emphasized the need for citizens to become involved with the community-policing concept.

5. Public Forum

Mayor Chavonne opened the public forum.

Clinton Harris, 4713 Watauga Road, Fayetteville, NC advocated for the use of cornstarch bags in lieu of plastic bags and inquired as to whether a BRAC educational survey for spouses and children had been conducted.

Mayor Chavonne encouraged citizens to attend a 10:00 a.m. meeting on February 29, 2008 at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church during which information from the BRAC Regional Task Force growth management plan would be released.

Council Member Bates spoke to interviews conducted by teams from Methodist College, Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College to assess educational needs associated with BRAC.

Council Member Hurst spoke to research conducted by Fayetteville Beautiful with regard to the recycling of plastic bags. Council Member Hurst also called attention to 433-1FAY for reporting solid waste issues or expressing concerns about city services.

6. Adjourn

There being no one further to speak, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.