

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES  
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
AUGUST 12, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); Council Member 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)

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  
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager  
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director  
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Kimberly Leonard, Budget & Evaluation Director  
Joshua Hall, Policy Attorney  
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager  
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager  
Robert Stone, Construction Management and Capital Projects Director  
Will Deaton, Planning & Zoning Division Manager  
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Colvin stated Council's thoughts and prayers are with City Clerk Pam Megill and Council Member Greene for the loss of their mothers.

Council Member Hondros requested additional information on Item 8.0A11, Necessary legislative actions as needed to move funding from a centralized location to carryout Council's directives, make adjustments as needed operationally, correct scrivener's errors regarding funding sources, and appropriate debt funding approved in the FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan and ARPA interest. Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated this is for budget items that are centrally located while deliberations on the budget take place and are moved after the budget approval as well as a couple of scrivener's errors that needed to be fixed. Discussion ensued. Council Member Hondros requested moving forward that these types of items be separated into different funding groups, instead of one large item.

Council Member Haire asked if the properties for Item 8.0A12, City Council Consideration for the Approval of Resolutions Authorizing Condemnation of Permanent and Temporary Easements on the Properties Needed for the Morganton Road Phase I Sidewalk Project, Old Wilmington Road Sidewalk Project, Rosehill Road Sidewalk Project and the Cliffdale Road Phase I Sidewalk Project, are for total condemnation. Ms. Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager, stated that the condemnation is only for an easement, not the entire property.

Council Member Hondros requested additional information on Item 8.0A14, Master Operations Agreement with Brightspeed of NC LLC. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated that Brightspeed is a highspeed internet and the agreement is modeled after the one the City used with Metronet to make sure they follow the rules. Ms. Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director, stated staff are working with them on the underground portion and PWC is managing pole attachment agreements.

Council Member Hondros requested additional information on Item 8.0A15, City of Fayetteville School Resource Officers and Traffic Control

Officers Contracts. Mr. Hewett stated the next update for this item will be given at the August 26, 2024, meeting. The Police Department has currently hired about 40 Traffic Control Officers (TCOs) and plans to have the six School Resource Officers (SROs) in place by the first day of school.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Benavente stated he plans to pull this item.

Discussion ensued regarding Item 10.01, K-9 Incident. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated this is from a Council Member Agenda Item Request and because it was not a unanimous vote at the work session it was placed on the agenda as a regular item instead of consent.

Council Member McNair stated she plans to have Item 11.03, Amusement Park Research and Feasibility Summary, moved to a work session because further information is needed.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to go into a closed session for attorney-client privilege matters.

**SECOND:** Council Member Haire

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 6:01 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Benavente moved to go into open session.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hondros

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Mayor Colvin stated a presentation was given by Mr. Ted Abernathy at a Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation meeting on a deep dive of the community's economy and recommended everyone take a look at it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.