

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 4, 2009**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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); 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)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Jeffrey Powell, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Manager

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Press

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Haire provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Mohn requested the addition of a closed session for a personnel matter.

**MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a closed session for a personnel matter.**

**SECOND: Council Member Haire**

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

**2. CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2008-2009 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM**

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director, explained the City of Fayetteville had been allocated \$589,648 for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. Mr. Sharpe stated a substantial amendment to the City's Consolidated Plan 2008-2009 Annual Plan would be required in order to receive the funds. Mr. Sharpe explained the purpose of the HPRP was to provide homeless prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house people who experienced homelessness. Mr. Sharpe provided highlights of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program and outlined program activities contained therein. Mr. Sharpe responded to questions.

Consensus of Council was to forward to the May 11, 2009 meeting for consideration of approval.

**3. CONSIDER REVISION TO CITY COUNCIL POLICY 102.2 REGARDING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney, stated City Council's current policy for public hearings allowed fifteen minutes per side for an issue and there was currently no time limit for individual speakers. Mrs. McDonald further stated in an effort to allow a greater number of citizens to be heard on issues, the proposed revision would limit the time of individual speakers to three minutes. Mrs. McDonald responded to questions and discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to forward the revisions as proposed to the May 11, 2009 meeting for consideration of approval.

#### **4. FY 2009-2010 STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION**

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the five main components of the strategic plan and stated the FY 2009-2010 Strategic Plan as presented was developed by the City Council during their strategic planning retreat in February. Mr. Hewett provided an overview of the 2009-2010 policy and management agenda targets for action. Mr. Hewett explained should Council approve the FY 2009-2010 strategic plan, the documents would govern policy and management direction of the City from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010. Mr. Hewett responded to questions and discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was for staff to align the FY 2009-2010 Strategic Plan to the FY 2009-2010 recommended budget and return to City Council along with the strategic plan narratives at their June 1, 2009 work session.

#### **5. OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

Dale E. Iman, City Manager, presented the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget message and highlighted key tools used in the budget planning process. Mr. Iman explained the budget goals were to continue to provide quality municipal services by the most efficient means possible and to enhance police, fire and transit services consistent with Council's vision and community expectations.

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer, explained what was meant by and how a revenue-neutral tax rate was derived. Mrs. Smith then provided a revenue-neutral tax rate analysis and the recommended tax rate.

Mr. Iman outlined enhancements to police, fire and transit services and provided a summary of the recommended budget.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Iman responded to questions. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Iman stated Council would hold budget work sessions on May 13, 2009 and May 20, 2009 followed by a public hearing on May 26, 2009 and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget on June 8, 2009.

#### **6. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS**

##### **A. SEWER FUNDING MODEL**

Mayor Chavonne requested Council give consideration to having staff facilitate a review of the sewer funding model and its impact on citizens. Council Member Haire also requested information regarding assistance programs and the number of citizen who had participated in the programs.

Following a brief discussion, consensus was for staff to provide at a future meeting.

##### **B. NOISE ORDINANCE**

Council Member Bates requested Council give consideration to strengthening the noise ordinance and making the fine for violations progressive.

Following a brief discussion, consensus was for the City Attorney's office to research and return to Council.

##### **C. FIBER-TO-THE-HOME (FTTH) BROADBAND CONCEPT**

Council Member Meredith requested Council give consideration to exploring the fiber-to-the-home broadband concept.

Following questions and a brief discussion, consensus was for staff to provide an explanation of the concept, enhancements and possibilities at a future work session.

#### **7. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Meredith moved to go into closed session for a personnel matter.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bates

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

The regular session recessed at 7:10 p.m.

The regular session reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

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

**SECOND:** Council Member Meredith

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Mohn moved that we provide Karen McDonald, our City Attorney, a 2% pay raise from her base pay along with a one time bonus of \$5,000.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

Council Member Evans asked that Council consider delaying the pay raise.

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Evans and Bates).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.