# FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

MAY 26, 2009 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); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8) (arrived via telephone after Item 2); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Jeffrey Powell, Assistant City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer

Ben Major, Fire/Emergency Management Assistant Chief

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Manager

Jeffrey Brown, City Engineer

Jimmy Teal, Planning Director

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director

Craig Harmon, Planner II

Craig Hampton, Special Project Director

Members of the Press

# **INVOCATION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was offered by Pastor John Adderley, Covenant Love Family Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Applewhite announced she had spoken at an Honors Award Ceremony for students who carried straight As during high school at Cape Fear High School. She extended congratulations to the school for their commitment to excellence.

Council Member Evans announced an invitation had been extended to the citizens to attend a public open house on June 4, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum regarding the proposed designs of the first phase of Veterans Park.

Mayor Chavonne announced this would be the last meeting of City Clerk Candice White and extended appreciation on behalf of the Council and entire staff members for all her hard work.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Dale Iman requested to add as Item 6 Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2009-10 and Capital Project Ordinance 2009-24, funding for the Transit Multi-Modal Center land purchases.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Meredith moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 6, Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2009-10 and Capital Project Ordinance 2009-24 (Funding for Transit Multi-Modal Center Land Purchases).

SECOND: Council Member Massey

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Bates)

#### 2. CONSENT:

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Meredith

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The following items were approved:

- A. Approve Minutes:
- 1. City Council work session held on May 4, 2009.
- 2. City Council dinner and discussion meeting held on May 11, 2009.
- 3. City Council budget work session held on May 13, 2009.

B.Adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2009-21 (adjustment of state grant and local match for the FY 2001 Transit Capital Grant).

Transit received a budget revision from NCDOT, which reduced the state portion of the FY 2001 Capital Grant to \$105,631.00. The City was required to provide an additional local match of \$12,025.00 to make up the difference. The funding for this amendment was available from remaining General Fund transfers to the Transit Capital Project Fund in previous fiscal years. The overall project budget, which was established to purchase vehicles and equipment for Transit, would not change and all financial transactions associated with this project would be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

- C. Adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2009-22 (Freedom Memorial Park). This amendment would appropriate additional contributions of \$10,000.00 from private donors for the development of the Freedom Memorial Park project. The funds would be used for landscaping, paver engraving, and plaque installation. If this amendment were approved, the revised budget for the project would be \$482,175.00.
- D. Adopt Capital Project Ordinance 2009-23 (Fire Training Tower).

This ordinance would appropriate the budget for the design and construction of a new fire training tower in the amount of \$500,000.00. The source of funds for this ordinance would be a \$400,000.00 grant from the State of North Carolina, through Fayetteville State University, and a \$100,000.00 transfer from the General Fund. The General Fund transfer was available from funds remaining from the project budget for Fire Station 15 on Buhmann Drive. This action would be consistent with the capital improvement plan adopted by City Council.

E. Request to transfer property to Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority for the Hope VI Revitalization Project.

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY EXCESS TO CITY'S NEEDS AND CONVEY TITLE IN THE PROPERTY TO FAYETTEVILLE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-040.

- F. Approve acquisition of property located at 214 Grady Street and 319 Maloney Avenue through the Acquisition-Demolition Program administered by the Community Development Department.
- G. Consider request for reimbursement of legal fees.
- H. Approve the rezoning from C1P Commercial District to C1 Commercial District for property located at 5953 Yadkin Road. Containing 0.41 acres more or less and being the property of Song Y Kim. Case No. P09-12F.
- I. Approve the rezoning from AR Residential/Agricultural District to R10 Residential District for property located at the southeast corner of Clinton Road and Burlington Drive. Containing 4.225 acres more or less and being the property of Floyd Properties and Development Company, Inc. Case No. P09-15F.
- J. The following properties are found to contribute to blight in the neighborhood. After notice to the owners and their failure to repair or demolish the properties themselves, this action authorizes the City to demolish the property and place a lien against the property for the cost of that action. Staff has reviewed these properties and they are not listed on the National Register, not local landmark properties, or in the historic district.
- 1.1912 Armstrong Street (PIN 0428-84-6652) (R & A Homes, Inc.; Delton Creech, Registered Agent)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE

DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-008B.

2.2721 Colgate Drive (PIN 0426-35-5165) (Manos R. Dutton)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-009.

**3.711 Ellis Street (PIN 0437-23-4098)** (William Edward Murphy, Jr.)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-010.

4. 233 McIver Street (PIN 0437-33-0884) (Raymond L. Anders, Heirs; Robert S. and Wanda R. Hawes; Freeman Hawes; Heirs of Mary Joe; Mattie L. Edwards; Heirs of Lula Harris; Heirs of Ernest Cunion; Helen Cunion)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-011.

5.412 McIver Street (PIN 0437-22-5909) (Irvin Broadie, Jr., Life Estate Only; Steven I. Broadie) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-012.

6. <u>604 Wilma Street (PIN 0438-08-4157)</u> (Eula Mae Graham; Willie Donnell Dancy; Lemon Jefferson Dancy)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REQUIRING THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CORRECT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO, OR TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE OF THE CITY. ORDINANCE NO. NS2009-013.

Council Member Crisp arrived at the meeting via telephone.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Consider public input on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Recommended Budget.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. The public hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Wendy Michener, 223 Hillside Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28301, appeared in favor and requested that Council think of the City when making a decision on the tax rate. She stated there were citizens who understand we have to pay to have good people in government. Mr. Roderick McKeithan, 137 John Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305, appeared in opposition and expressed concern for the pay disparity between public safety employees.

Mr. Wade Fowler, 2242 Jenna Shane Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28306, appeared in opposition and expressed concern to a tax rate increase.

Mr. Anthony Castulo, 1707 Powatan Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301, appeared in opposition. He complimented the City in looking at extending the hours, including adding Sunday, for bus transportation.

Mr. Mark Ledger, 430 Lionshead Road, Fayetteville, NC 28311, appeared in opposition and expressed concern to a tax rate increase but also stressed that Council should guard the items in the budget that were crucial to BRAC.

Mr. L. A. Barner, 337 Rhew Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303, appeared in opposition and expressed concern to a tax rate increase.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing closed at 7:24 p.m.

B. Consider adoption of amendments to Articles I and II in Chapter 23, Stormwater Management, of the City of Fayetteville Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Jeffrey Brown, City Engineer, presented a powerpoint presentation and provided a brief background. He stated DENR had given approval to the County in November 2008 to pull out of the permit for the joint utility with the City and on March 16, 2009, County Commissioners voted unanimously to opt out of the current storm water ordinance. Mr. Brown then presented information on the ordinance to be adopted, the Stormwater Advisory Board, and the Stormwater logo.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. There being no one present to speak either in favor or opposition, the public hearing opened and closed at 7:27 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE AMENDING ARTICLES I AND II OF CHAPTER 23, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES. ORDINANCE NO. S2009-004.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to adopt the ordinance amendment, the resolution setting rates, and the schedule of fines and civil penalties, all with an effective date of July 1, 2009.

SECOND: Council Member Crisp

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

C. Consider the rezoning from P2 Professional District and R10 Residential District to MU/CZ Mixed Use/Conditional Zoning District for office and retail uses on property located at 503 Owen Drive and 504 Terry Circle. Containing 0.60 acres more or less and being the property of George J. Demetri, Jr. Case No. P09-13F.

Mr. Craig Harmon, Planner II, presented this item and showed a vicinity map. He gave an overview of the current land use, current zoning, surrounding land use and zoning, and 2010 Land Use Plan. He stated the applicant wished to construct a building for a medical office and retail space to include a snack bar or grill. He explained Planning staff recommended denial of the request based on the 2010 Land Use Plan and surrounding zoning and the Zoning Commission recommended approval of the mixed use/conditional zoning as requested by the applicant.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. The public hearing opened at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Bob Bennett, 1828 Conover Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304, appeared in favor and stated the rezoning would allow the applicant to remove the houses currently on the properties and build a two-story mixed-use building. He provided information on the adjoining properties and advised the residential lot abutting the rear of the properties had a two-story residential building.

Dr. George Demetri, 3102 Hyman Place, Fayetteville, NC 28303, appeared in favor and provided a brief history of his practice and an explanation for his rezoning request.

Mr. Jerry Guin, 517 Terry Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28304, appeared in favor and stated he lived around the corner from the property and commended Dr. Demetri for trying to develop the property which would create jobs.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

A question and answer period ensued regarding egress and ingress of the property, traffic lights, parking, and traffic in the area.

Council Member Applewhite expressed concern for the buffer area and hours of operation. Dr. Demetri responded the plan would include a 6-foot masonry wall in the buffer area and the building would close at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Crisp moved to approve the rezoning of the property to mixed-use/conditional zoning.

# **SECOND:** Council Member Massey

Council Member Bates expressed concern regarding the egress and ingress of the property.

# FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Council Member Applewhite made a friendly amendment that the masonry fencing must be installed and to limit the hours of operation for the eatery by closing at the same time the doctor practice closes.

Council Member Bates accepted the friendly amendment.

Dr. Demetri agreed to the masonry fencing but expressed concern in requiring an eatery to close at 5:00 p.m. and felt 8:00 p.m. would be more realistic.

Mr. Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer, stated the building itself would screen the neighborhood from activity in the evening and traffic activity after 5:00 p.m. would be less than during the day. He stated in order for the facility to be successful, they would not want to lessen the ability to market the facility.

Council Members Bates and Massey accepted the portion of the friendly amendment requiring the masonry fence.

#### **RESTATED MOTION:**

Approve the rezoning of the property to mixed-use/conditional zoning and require the masonry fencing as outlined.

Concerns were expressed for the buffering, the possibility of the applicant not operating a business in the building and other businesses operating at the location resulting in parking and traffic problems, and parking lot lighting.

VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor (Council Members Crisp, Chavonne, Hurst, Massey, and Mohn) to 5 in opposition (Council Members Evans, Meredith, Haire, Applewhite, and Bates)

D. Consider the rezoning from R10 Residential District to P2 Professional District on property located at 1800 Fargo Drive. Containing 0.56 acres more or less and being the property of Loretta Toad. Case No. P09-14F.

Mr. Craig Harmon, Planner II, showed a vicinity map and gave an overview of the current land use, current zoning, surrounding land use and zoning, and 2010 Land Use Plan. He explained the applicant wished to rezone the property to professional in order to utilize the property for office use. He stated the Planning staff recommended denial based on the surrounding zoning and the Zoning Commission recommended approval of the P2 Professional zoning as requested by the applicant. He explained P2 would allow for office use but also maintain residential uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith inquired if a land use study could be done of the area. Mr. Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer, responded he would like to take a closer look at the area and come back with a plan.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. The public hearing opened at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Neville, 3610 Linden Road, Linden, NC 28356, appeared in favor and provided information on the surrounding properties and informed the Council that a majority of the property owners in the area were in favor of the rezoning.

Mr. Mike Todd, 1800 Fargo Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304, appeared in favor and stated most of the properties in the area were not residential.

Dr. Sylvester Ejeh, 4523 Weaverhall Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314, appeared in favor and explained he was interested in the use of the property because it was close to the hospital, but only if it were zoned P2.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing closed at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith inquired if the fee could be waived if a motion were made to proceed with the rezoning and request a study. Mr. Anderson responded he felt Council had the authority to waive the fee and that a zone change was warranted.

Mayor Chavonne inquired how long the study would take. Mr. Anderson responded two months.

City Attorney Karen McDonald informed Council only two options had been discussed. She clarified a third option would be to delay any action and direct staff to do the study and then Council could take action once the study comes back.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Meredith moved to defer the rezoning for 60 days and direct staff to do a land use plan for the area.

**SECOND:** Council Member Haire

Council Member Applewhite reminded Council that the City Manager had previously informed Council there were studies needed all over the City and expressed concern of a study when other locations needed studies. City Manager Dale Iman responded he felt they should have a comprehensive approach to rezoning such as a comprehensive master plan, which would be a large and costly undertaking at this point. He stated the Unified Development Ordinance would go a long way in solving some of the problems but changing circumstances needed to be reviewed through studies as they occur.

### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Council Member Evans moved to rezone to P2.

**SECOND:** Council Member Massey

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Mohn, Chavonne, Meredith, and Crisp)

City Attorney Karen McDonald advised this item would have to come back for a second reading.

E. Consider extending the corporate limits of the City of Fayetteville for a petition-initiated contiguous annexation for Longhill Pointe, LLC. (Located on the northwest corner of Ramsey Street and McCloskey Road.)

Mr. Craig Harmon, Planner II, explained the annexation petition was submitted in order to receive PWC water and sewer service consistent with City Council Policy No. 150.2. He stated recommendation was for adoption of the annexation ordinance effective May 26, 2009. This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. There being no one present to speak either in favor or opposition, the public hearing opened and closed at 9:00 p.m.

Council Member Bates expressed opposition to the annexation and inquired what would happen if they did not approve the annexation. Mr. Harmon responded the construction project had already been approved through Cumberland County so the units would be built whether annexed or not.

AN ANNEXATION ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC. ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05-512.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to approve the annexation ordinance with an effective date of May 26, 2009.

SECOND: Council Member Crisp

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

4. Consider the initial zoning to R5A Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning classification for property located on the northwest corner of Ramsey Street and McCloskey Road. Containing 18.30 acres more or less and annexed by the City of Fayetteville. Case No. P08-57F.

Mr. Craig Harmon, Planner II, explained the property currently was zoned R5A in the County and the City Council policy was to initially zone property in the City as it was previously zoned in the County.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to rezone to R5A Residential District.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

5. Consideration of an amendment of the Consolidated Plan 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Mr. Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director, presented this item. He presented a powerpoint presentation and stated the substantial amendment to the 2008-2009 One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were for recovery and the City would receive an allocation of \$385,584.00 through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. He stated the CDBG recovery funds would be used for projects that were eligible under the CDBG program requirements in which the objectives were to benefit low-to moderate-income persons to aid in the prevention or elimination of blight. Mr. Sharpe presented the following funding sources:

Proposed ActivityBudgetGoal

Demolition Program \$100,000.00 35 units demolished
Residential Façade Grant Program \$250,000.00 50 units rehabilitated
Administration \$35,584.00 Program administration

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to approve the amendment.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Meredith

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Bates)

6. Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2009-10 and Capital Project Ordinance 2009-24 (Funding for Transit Multi-Modal Center land purchases).

Mr. Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, presented this item and stated the budget ordinance amendment and capital project ordinance in the amount of \$500,000.00 was for the purchase of land to be used for the Transit Multi-Modal Center. He stated in late 2008 the Council approved the proposed site for the Multi-Modal Center in a City block in downtown bordered by Franklin, Robeson, Russell, and Winslow Streets. He stated two of the seven parcels were in the process of being sold and staff was ready to conduct final negotiations.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Meredith moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 2009-10 and Capital Project Ordinance 2009-24 and authorize the City Manager or designee to conduct final negotiations and execute all documents necessary to conduct the purchase.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

Council Member Mohn inquired if they would have to go into condemnation to acquire the other properties. Mr. Hewett responded there was one property owner who may not want to sell at this time or in the future and condemnation could be a possibility. He also informed Council that staff is working diligently to bring about a meeting of the minds.

Council Member Mohn inquired if there would be any liability to the City as to the ground contamination. Mr. Craig Hampton, Special Project Manager, responded the sites were currently under a voluntary cleanup program which was expected to take a couple of years and that there would be no future liability for the cleanup against the City.

Council Member Haire inquired if the City would help the property owners relocate. Mr. Hewett responded in the affirmative.

City Attorney Karen McDonald informed Council that if imminent domain were utilized to acquire any of the properties, it would come back to Council for authorization. She also clarified that the action taken tonight would in no way begin any type of imminent domain process for acquisition of any other properties.

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1.Statement of taxes collected for the month of April 2009 from the Cumberland County Tax Administrator.

2008 Taxes	\$355,989.83
2008 Vehicle Taxes	399,640.10
2008 Revit	2,501.60
2008 Vehicle Revit	247.25
2008 FVT	42,341.35

2008 Transit Tax	35,626.09	
2008 Storm Water	17,356.56	
2008 Fay Storm Water	21,035.98	
2008 Recycle Fee	23,048.87	
2008 Annex	29.15	
2007 Taxes	4,802.43	
2007 Vehicle Taxes	16,878.78	
2007 Revit	0.00	
2007 Vehicle Revit	0.00	
2007 FVT	2,408.53	
2007 Storm Water	296.09	
2007 Fay Storm Water	216.44	
2007 Annex	0.00	
2006 Annex	3,144.76	
2006 Taxes	1,850.94	
2006 Vehicle Taxes	1,583.43	
2006 Revit	0.00	
2006 Vehicle Revit	0.00	
2006 FVT	387.51	
2006 Storm Water	76.18	
2005 Taxes	713.35	
2005 Vehicle Taxes	540.93	
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2005 FVT	137.19	
2005 Storm Water	71.16	
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.