

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2009

3:00 P.M.

LAFAYETTE ROOM

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1)(arrived at 3:11 p.m.); 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)(arrived at 3:55 p.m.); 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

Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Jeffrey Brown, City Engineer

Rusty Thompson, City Traffic Engineer

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Jami Shepphard, Downtown Development Manager

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director

Craig Hampton, Special Project Director

Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Management Analyst

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer

Scott Baker, Museum of Art Taskforce Chairman

Lyle Sumek, Sumek and Associates, Inc.

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Press

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Council Member Haire provided the invocation.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Mohn moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)

2. FY 2009-10 STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Lyle Sumek, Sumek and Associates, Inc., facilitated finalization of Council's strategic plan, assisted Council with clarifying expectations and directions to the City Manager and City staff, and facilitated the development of actions and outlines to include key issues, action steps and timeframes.

Council recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m. Strategic plan discussions resumed.

3. DOWNTOWN PARKING PROPOSED REVISIONS

Rusty Thompson, City Traffic Engineer, provided an overview of proposed revisions to the downtown parking ordinance and the process used to select McLaurin Parking as the downtown parking management firm. Mr. Thompson reviewed concepts for implementation and outlined the establishment of pay parking lots to include benefits contained therein.

Mr. Thompson responded to questions and discussion ensued. Consensus of Council was to move forward to the March 9, 2009 meeting for consideration of an ordinance amendment.

4. CONSIDER AWARD OF REMAINDER OF A/E CONTRACT FOR NC STATE VETERANS PARK

Craig Hampton, Special Project Director, recapped funding and professional services secured for the development of the NC State Veterans Park. Mr. Hampton stated pursuant to Council's instructions, staff conducted a master plan validation and detailed scoping process with the recommended design team. Mr. Hampton advised as a result of those meetings and processes, consideration of award of the remainder of the A/E contract for Phase 1 of the NC State Veterans Park was the next step.

Mr. Hampton responded to questions and discussion ensued. Mayor Chavonne requested details related to project costs and that consideration be given to including gateway residential project as part of Phase 1. Consensus was to forward to the March 9, 2009 meeting for further discussion and action.

5. Update of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Process

Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer, spoke to the relationship of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to Council's strategic plan and the involvement of stakeholder groups, advisory committees and citizens in the development process.

Karen Hilton, Assistant Planning Director, briefly covered themes describing the major objectives of the UDO project and reviewed the current status of Module 1, Administration; Module 2, Zoning Districts and Uses; and Module 3, Development Design Standards. Mrs. Hilton spoke briefly to issues involved with the review and administrative approval procedures and the balancing act involved with achieving higher standards, more neighborhood input and, for developers, efficiency and predictability.

Mr. Anderson inquired regarding the level of detail required by Council as the process moves forward. Following discussion and staff response to questions, consensus was for staff to identify effective differences between the current ordinance and the UDO, and to determine how to better engage Council in the process.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS

A. USE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Council Member Bates requested Council consider restricting the use of police vehicles to within the city limits. Mr. Iman reviewed the current policy and following a brief discussion, consensus did not support the request.

B. MODIFICATION TO CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Chavonne requested Council consider modifying the current policy on public hearings in order to address issues regarding rebuttals and opportunities for all individuals to speak. Consensus supported staff preparation of recommendations to return to Council. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.