

FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2009
7:00 P.M.
MYERS RECREATION CENTER
1018 ROCHESTER STREET

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

Absent: Council Member William J. L. Crisp (District 6)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director

Bobby Teague, Engineering and Infrastructure Director

Ron Macaluso, Transit Director

Jerry Dietzen, Solid Waste Management Director

James McMillan, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Craig Hampton, Special Projects Manager

Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer

Gloria Wrench, PWC Purchasing Manager

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Members of the Press

INVOCATION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Chavonne requested the addition of the resolution containing recommendations to Congress as it begins work on an economic stimulus package.

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve the agenda to include the addition of the economic stimulus package resolution.

SECOND: Council Member Bates

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

A. Announcements and Recognition

There were no announcements or recognitions.

B. Comment Period

Mayor Chavonne opened the public comment period.

Katie M. Thomas, 723 Perley Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305 stated she had cards for some of the members of City Council and would get back with them.

Jerlinee Dingle, 827 Wilbon Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305 asked that a traffic light be installed at Commerce Street and Robeson Street and stated the streetlights in Savoy Heights appeared to be dimming.

Joann Adams, 210 Central Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301 requested the status of the burned and abandoned church on Hillsboro Street.

Dale E. Iman, City Manager, stated the Inspections Department had been working with the property; however, it was to be transferred to a new owner who planned to tear down the church and renovate the administration building. Additional questions and a brief discussion followed.

Gwen York, Fayetteville, NC asked how she could obtain a proclamation for her organization proclaiming February as Love Shouldn't Hurt Month.

Katie Brown, 720 Dwain Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305 stated the lot beside 802 Ashley Street and the median between Pearley Street and Dwain Drive were overgrown. Ms. Brown asked that the city assist with the mowing of the properties.

Iman Eronomy Mohammed, 2700 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC spoke regarding the state of Fayetteville, NC and a meeting of the Board of Governors in Chapel Hill, NC.

Sonya Edmonds, 709 Commerce Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305 spoke on behalf of GB Myers Community Association regarding blight from unoccupied and abandoned homes in the area. Ms. Edmonds provided a list of twelve homes and asked whether a statute of limitations could be placed on the length of time homes could remain boarded up.

Mayor Chavonne stated Council had pursued a rather aggressive schedule and demolished approximately one-hundred fifty houses over the past several years. Robert Anderson, Chief Development Officer, briefly outlined considerations for placing a property on the demolition list and stated the city had made application for approximately \$900,000 in HUD funds that would be used for demolitions.

Mr. Iman stated the City was instrumental in the passage of a state law for demolishing nuisance properties. Mr. Iman further stated the city is diligently working on demolishing substandard properties and has significantly increased the number of written violations for code enforcement and inspections over the last two years. Mr. Iman responded to further questions and stated staff would pursue the list of properties. Consensus of Council was for staff to provide a status report and to forward discussion of the demolition process under state statutes to an upcoming work session.

Jose I. Cordona, 233 Addison Street, Fayetteville, NC 28314 provided comments regarding tax assessments for the elderly and citizens attempting to make a living.

John Dekker, 1408 Granada Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314 spoke to the increase in crime, undersized jails with revolving doors and the need to get criminals off the street.

Franklin E. Williams, 715 Perley Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305 asked the city to look into the accumulation of water and oil at the end of his driveway.

Moses Best, 1824 Broadell Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301 spoke to the need for a police substation in the Shaw Heights area, the Murchison Road corridor as a gateway to Ft. Bragg and children walking to school on Greensboro Street, a dirt street off of Nick Avenue.

Lawrence Myers, 1014 Ellis Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301 expressed concern for speeders and the safety of children, and requested speed bumps in the Branson Street neighborhood.

Willis S. Mitchell, 910 Rochester Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305 requested a traffic light at Commerce Street and Robeson Street and speed bumps on Commerce Street.

Russell Price, 1004 Fleetwood Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305 asked the city to look into water, oil and sewage in front of his home.

3. CONSENT

Council Member Haire requested Item 3.G. pulled.

MOTION: Council Member Bates moved to approve the consent agenda with the inclusion of the economic stimulus package resolution and with the exception of Item 3.G.

SECOND: Council Member Evans

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

The following items were approved:

A. Approve minutes:

- 1. Dinner and Discussion of Agenda Items Held on October 27, 2008**
- 2. Work Session Meeting Held on November 3, 2008**
- 3. Special Meeting Held on November 6, 2008**
- 4. Agenda Briefing Held on November 19, 2008**
- 5. Special Meeting Held on November 19, 2008**
- 6. City Council Meeting Held on November 24, 2008**
- 7. Work Session Held on December 1, 2008**

8. **City Council Meeting Held on December 8, 2008**
9. **City Council Appointment Committee Meeting Held on December 15, 2008**
- B. **Report of Tax Refunds Greater Than \$100**
- C. **Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2009-8 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2009-11 (AIP 31 Fire Training Facility Upgrade)**

This budget ordinance amendment and capital project ordinance amendment will appropriate \$63,508 for the design and replacement of an underground blower line pipe for the airport fire training facility.

- D. **Approve the Following Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Closeouts:**

1. **Special Revenue Project Ordinance Closeout 2009-1 (Project Safe Neighborhood, Gun Tracer Grant)**
2. **Special Revenue Project Ordinance Closeout 2009-2 (Gangs Across the Carolinas)**

Annually, the city closes out several projects that have been completed in previous fiscal years and that are no longer active. The projects referenced above have been completed and the revenues and expenditures related to these projects have been audited. The backup materials in the agenda detail the budget and actual revenues and expenditures for the projects.

- E. **Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Two (2) Surplus Refuse Trucks to the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF TWO (2) SURPLUS REFUSE TRUCKS TO THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-004

- F. **Approval of North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Agreement, Planning**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-002

- G. **Pulled at the request of Council Member Haire.**

- H. **Approval of the Transfer of City-owned Land Located in the HOPE VI Revitalization Project Area to the Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority**
RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY EXCESS TO CITY'S NEEDS AND CONVEY CITY TITLE IN THE PROPERTY TO FAYETTEVILLE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-005

- I. **Approve 2009 Part A FAA grant - Airport Fire Station Renovation**

- J. **No U-Turn Ordinances**

- K. **Speed Limit Ordinances**

- L. **Camden Road Widening Municipal Agreement**

- M. **Resolution (Economic Stimulus Package)**

RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-003

- 3.G. **Approval of North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Agreement, Capital (I, II)**

Council Member Haire requested an explanation of the agreement. Ron Macaluso, Transit Director, stated NCDOT approved funds in December 2008 in the amount of \$157,868 to match the Transit Department's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) capital grant. Mr. Macaluso further stated the funds would assist in the purchase of three buses, four cutaway vehicles, four vans, and renovations of the transit facility at 455 Grove Street.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-001

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to approve Item 3.G.

SECOND: Council Member Bates

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4. **PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NC VETERANS PARK CONTENT COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

Council Member Hurst stated at the December 8, 2008 meeting, Council referred to the Appointment Committee identification of the necessary North Carolina Veteran Park committees, composition for the committees and recommendations for appointment to the committees. Council Member Hurst further stated at their December 15, 2008 meeting, the Appointment Committee concurred that the Design Review and Content Committees would be needed, established term lengths for the Content Committee and concurred that applications for the Content Committee would be solicited through the newspaper and media releases. Council Member Hurst stated at their January 5, 2009 meeting, the Appointment Committee reviewed sixty-six applications following which they recommended Keith A. Bates, Sr. appointed as the City Council representative and the following for City Council's consideration of appointment to the Content Committee: Army veteran, Raymond Barbeau; Air Force veteran, Peter G. Singletary; Navy veteran, Vicki K. Teachey; Marine veteran, Timothy M. Dunn; Coast Guard veteran, Drew R. Wojtanik; at-large, Clyde V. Vaughan; at-large, Dr. James C. White; at-large, Bobby Washington; at-large, Nicole E. Gleich; and at-large, Joseph Royo.

MOTION: Council Member Hurst moved to accept the recommendations of the Appointment Committee.

SECOND: Council Member Massey

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

INFORMATION ITEM:

1. Statement of taxes collected for the month of November 2008 from the Cumberland County Tax Administrator

2008 Taxes	\$14,524,421.97
2008 Vehicle Taxes	378,846.68
2008 Revit	3,857.58
2008 Vehicle Revit	518.64
2008 FVT	38,653.08
2008 Transit Fee	26,004.83
2008 Storm Water	491,241.21
2008 Fay Storm Water	707,369.87
2008 Recycle Fee	999,523.43
2008 Annex	106.78
2007 Taxes	\$13,455.48
2007 Vehicle Taxes	57,375.62
2007 Revit	0.00
2007 Vehicle Revit	41.72
2007 FVT	7,049.33
2007 Storm Water	685.58
2007 Fay Storm Water	548.36
2007 Annex	0.00
2006 Annex	\$3,464.00
2006 Taxes	2,998.08
2006 Vehicle Taxes	2,079.35
2006 Revit	0.00
200 Vehicle Revit	1.18
2006 FVT	363.36
2006 Storm Water	223.76
2005 Taxes	\$985.86
2005 Vehicle Taxes	547.47
2005 Revit	0.00
2005 Vehicle Revit	0.00
2005 FVT	151.89
2005 Storm Water	110.76

2004 and Prior Taxes	\$706.31
2004 and Prior Vehicle Taxes	2,007.06
2004 and Prior Revit	0.00
2004 and Prior Vehicle Revit	2.58
2004 and Prior FVT	424.37
2004 and Prior Storm Water	155.60
Interest	\$11,934.93
Interest (Revit)	4.74
Interest (Storm Water)	209.15
Interest (Fay Storm Water)	49.14
Interest (Annex)	63.84
Interest (Fay Recycling)	0.00
Total Collections	\$17,276,183.59
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.	