

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MARCH 8, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2) (via zoom) (arrived at 7:08 p.m.); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3) (via zoom); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Absent: Council Member D. J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance  
Director  
Cliff Isaac, Construction Management Director  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Director  
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor and City Council.

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Scott Bullard, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin announced the Clinic Pharmacy at 3736 South Main Street in Hope Mills is providing the Moderna vaccine.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation proclaiming March 18, 2021, Transit Driver Appreciation Day, and recognized the contributions and dedication of the Transit Drivers.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presented a proclamation proclaiming March 2021 National Women's History Month, and recognized the contributions of women in our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen congratulated Mr. Jeremy McLamb, a life-long resident of Fayetteville; he is a film producer that chose to stay in Fayetteville. JerFilms, his film production company, was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won one for "Meet the Maker".

Council Member Ingram announced on March 27, 2021, at noon on Fox 50 Ms. Kim Fields will share her story of motivation and building success through "The Journey Through the Power of Storytelling".

## **5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to add an item, discussion of a Citizens Review Board.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Kinston  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Jensen and Dawkins)

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 6.01 and the addition of Item 10.03, discussion of a Citizen Review Board.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Kinston  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Dawkins)

## **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to approve the consent agenda.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

### **6.01 Reinstatement of Transit Fare Collection and Approval of the Temporary Reduction of Certain Fares**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **6.02 Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance 2021-23 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2021-48, 2021-49 and 2021-50 to Re-appropriate Funding for Easement Acquisitions for Bus Stop Projects**

Adopted Capital Project Ordinance 2021-23 and Capital project Ordinance Amendments 2021-48, 2021-49 and 2021-50 to re-appropriate \$25,000.00 of remaining transit project funding for the acquisition of easements to place or improve bus stops.

### **6.03 Resolution Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed of the City's Title to the County in Order to Expedite the Sale of Land located at 1515 Pierce Street**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO DECLARE CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND QUITCLAIM CITY'S INTEREST IN JOINTLY HELD PROPERTY TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-015**

### **6.04 Adoption of a Resolution of Support for a FTA Grant Application for Battery Electric Buses**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE'S APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING FROM FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S LOW OR NO EMISSIONS PROGRAM. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-016**

### **6.05 Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2021-10 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2021-51 for Hay Street Improvements to Support the Downtown Redevelopment Project**

Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2021-10 to appropriate \$192,000.00 from General Fund fund balance, and to adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2021-51 to appropriate the General Fund transfer to fund improvements of Hay Street associated with the Downtown Redevelopment Site.

### **6.06 Letter of Resolution for Corridor Revitalization Project: Public Art Mural at Ramsey Street/I-295**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC ART MURAL ON  
RAMSEY STREET/I-295. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-017**

**7.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**7.01 Millennial Advisory Commission Initial Annual Report**

Dr. Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager, introduced this item and stated the City of Fayetteville Millennial Advisory Commission (MAC) was established by the City Council in May 2019. This item is for the MAC to present its first Annual Report to the Council. (Originally anticipated in the Fall 2020, the presentation has been delayed due to COVID.)

The MAC is to advise Council on issues relevant to the attraction, retention and engagement of Fayetteville residents born between 1981 and 2000. The Commission is expected to dedicate to improving the quality of life for young adults by providing recommendations to policies, programs and actions consistent with Council's Strategic Goal 4 of making Fayetteville a "desirable place to live, work, and recreate" for this generation. The development of a young adult engagement program was a completed FY 20 Target for Action.

Ms. Kayla McLoughlin, Commission Chair, provided the presentation with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the following points: Main Goals and Objectives, Charges and Tasks, Summary of Accomplishments, Activities and Upcoming Events, Issues to Address, Recommendations to Council, and Requested Council Action.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to accept the report.**

**SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jensen**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)**

**8.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Wayne Dee, 5022 Summer Ridge Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding upholding the constitution.

Mr. Michael Pinkston, 7019 Calamar Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the fencing around the Market House.

Ms. Anne Schrader, 223 Stedman Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the environment.

Ms. Kathy Greggs, 4607 Woodline Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the City Code of Ethics.

Ms. Myahtaeyarra "Mya" Warren, 969 Bassman Lane, Apt. 308, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding traffic issues in the Cliffdale area and the lack of traffic lights.

Dr. Johnny Hunter, 1817 Broadell Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the perception of race relations in Fayetteville.

Mr. Shaun McMillian, 6024 Goldenrain Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the establishment of a Civilian Police Oversight Authority (CPOA).

Ms. Angela Malloy, 404 Pilot Avenue, Fayetteville, NC, announced the forthcoming "Black Maternal Health Week" and encouraged the passing of the Omnibus Act.

## **9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **9.01 Public Hearing for the Proposed Renaming of Cross Creek Park for Mayor Beth Finch**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, presented this item and stated City Council supported a Council Member Agenda Item Request from Mayor Pro Tem Jensen to rename the Cross Creek Park after former Mayor Beth Dall Finch. Council provided staff with consensus direction to refer the item to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for its recommendation. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission endorsed the recommendation to name Cross Creek Park after former Mayor Finch at their February 2, 2021, meeting. Following City Council Policy 155.4, Naming of City Properties in Honor of Individuals, a public hearing is required for any public park facility that has been tentatively approved by the City/County Parks Advisory Commission. During the February 22, 2021, regular meeting, City Council set a public hearing on this item for March 8, 2021. The public hearing was legally noticed on March 1, 2021.

Discussion ensued.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. There being no one present to speak, the public hearing was opened and closed.

**MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to approve the renaming of Cross Creek Park to Mayor Beth Finch Park**

**SECOND: Council Member Dawkins**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)**

## **10.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **10.01 Approval of Senior Center East Building Program and Design**

Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated in 2015 a package of Parks & Recreation bond projects was developed for voter consideration. The package included several new projects as well as renovations to certain existing parks/facilities. Voters approved the package and work has been completed for a number of projects to date.

Two new senior centers were included in the Parks & Recreation Bond Referendum - one to serve residents across eastern neighborhoods and the other on the west. The location of the "Senior Center East" project is also intended to be a catalyst for additional economic development in the Murchison Road corridor. The City entered into a partner agreement with Fayetteville State University (FSU) in the effort to find a joint site where the two would share synergies in their respective buildings--one being the City's senior center and FSU's new Health and Wellness Center being the other--in a campus-like setting. City staff and FSU identified parcels along Washington Street near FSU for potential placement of these projects. Today, the desired parcels have been acquired by the City and FSU. Senior Center East will be built on the recombined parcel adjacent to the FSU Health and Wellness Center on the corner of Filter Plant Road and Murchison Road.

Staff has been working with SFL<sup>a</sup> architects to generate the Senior Center East Program and design includes multi-purpose rooms, restrooms, kitchen space, an office, fitness and dance exercise rooms, and a warm water pool. A parking lot, road, sidewalks, equipment, furniture, irrigation, and pole lighting will be included in the final project. Delaying approval of the Program and Design presented may result in a delay of the initiation of the planned bid process for these projects. Any delay to the project timeline may result in increased construction costs.

A Council approved CIP project is in place for Senior Center East and funds are scheduled to be appropriated in the amount of \$6.2 million.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Program and Design as presented for Senior Center East and direct staff to move forward with the design and bidding process.

**SECOND:** Council Member Wright

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

**10.02 Presentation of Appointments Committee Recommendations for Boards and Commissions Appointments and Appointment of one (1) applicant to the Public Works Commission**

Mayor Colvin stated he recommends Council have more time to evaluate the applications for the PWC appointment.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to table the appointment of one applicant to the Public Works Commission to the March 22, 2021, regular City Council meeting.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 5 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Ingram, Waddell, Banks-McLaughlin, and Kinston)

Recommendations for 50 Appointments to 18 City of Fayetteville Boards and Commissions. The Appointment Committee unanimously approved the following appointments:

Airport Commission

Kim Medley	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Judy Dawkins	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Mark Lynch	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Sandy Ammons	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Naynesh Mehta	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

Animal Control

Dawn Holt	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
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Ethics Commission

Dymond Spain	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2024
Willis Watt	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2024
Stephen Rochman	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2024

Fair Housing Board

Danielle Gaddy	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Bryant Edwards	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT)

Angela Lewis	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Sharina Ragmon	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

NC Firefighter's Relief Fund Board

Stephen McCourquodale	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
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Historic Resources Commission

Ashanti Bennet	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Barbara Milson	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
Kirby Tyson	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
William Bass	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

Human Relations Commission

Samar Abdelfatah	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
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Joint Appearance Commission

Mary Kate Burke	April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023
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Joint City and County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Demetria Davis	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024
Crystal More-Williams	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024
Lynnie Guzman	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024
Darden Jenkins	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024

Joint Fayetteville-Cumberland County Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Mary Morehouse	April 1, 2021- March 31, 2023
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Personnel Review Board

Jovan Bowser	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Jennifer Castello	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Larry Simmons	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Dakeisha Upchurch	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Carl Mitchell	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Kristy Gibson	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Planning Commission

Stephon Ferguson	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Wesley Fountain	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Victor Sharpe	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Public Arts Commission

Akua Fikes	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Michael Jones	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Redevelopment Commission

Ashley McDuffie	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Shamike Bethea	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Stormwater Advisory Board

Radford Brown	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Tramaine Council-Orellano	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Timothy Hammitt	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Deno Hondros	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
Charles Jones	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Zoning Commission

J. Franklin Johnson	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
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**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to approve the list of Appointment Committee recommendations, with the exception of the Millennial Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

**SECOND:** Council Member Dawkins

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to vote on each individual appointment to the Millennial Advisory Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

**SECOND:** Council Member Davis

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 5 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Ingram, Waddell, Banks-McLaughlin, and Kinston)

The following are the votes for each individual appointment to the Millennial Advisory Commission:

Gabrielle Allison	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
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Zaccheaus Eley	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
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Malik Davis	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
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Alicia Rogers	PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Ingram)
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Mario Benavente	FAILED by a vote of 4 in favor to 5 in opposition (Council Members Colvin, Jensen, Dawkins, Davis, Wright)
Jessica Jones	PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Ingram)
Kathryn Brown	PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Ingram)

All terms of office are April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023.

The following are the votes for each individual appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Demetria Davis	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
Crystal Moore-Williams	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
Lynnie Guzman	UNANIMOUS (9-0)
Darden Jenkins	PASSED by a vote of 5 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Colvin, Jensen, Davis and Wright)

All terms of office are April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

Council Member Waddell stated she has resigned from the Appointment Committee. Mayor Colvin asked for her resignation in writing.

#### **10.03 Discussion of a Citizen Review Board**

Council Member Davis stated this was an item he had brought to a work session as a Council agenda item request.

**MOTION:** Council Member Davis moved to adopt a Resolution in support of a Citizen Review Board.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Davis stated he is withdrawing his motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR PASSAGE OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE CITY TO CONFIDENTIALLY DISCLOSE LIMITED PERSONNEL INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD. RESOLUTION NO. R2021-018**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to adopt an updated 2014 Resolution in support of a Citizen Review Board to be sent to the State Delegation no later than March 9, 2021.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Banks-McLaughlin  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Jensen, Dawkins, and Davis)

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.