

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
CUMBERLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ROOM
OCTOBER 18, 2011
8:00 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Bobby Hurst (District 5); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); James W. Arp (District 9) (departed at 8:55 a.m.)

Absent: Council Members Keith Bates, Sr. (District 1); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3);

William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8)

Delegation Present: Senator Wesley Meredith (19th District) and Representatives Rick Glazier

(45th District); Elmer Floyd (43rd District) Diane Parfitt (44th District)

Others Present:

Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Kristoff Bauer, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Management Services Manager

Doug Byrd, Government Liaison, Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce

Pamela Megill, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and welcomed the Legislative Delegation.

Representative Glazier stated the meeting was the 16th of 17 scheduled over the past 45 days. He stated the goals of the meetings were to receive feedback regarding the effect of recently passed legislation, provide updates of pending legislation, and engage in dialogue. He provided an overview of the ongoing judicial dispute concerning preschools and stated the issue would probably be tied up in the courts for some time. He stated school funding was another issue. He further stated Medicaid expenditures were another problematic item and options to resolve the big gap in funding were to: (1) cut services, (2) cut eligibility, and (3) cut provider rates. Finally, he stated the 10.4 percent unemployment rate was another major challenge for the state.

Representative Floyd asked for a swift response to phone calls when the legislators were attempting to research opinions and gather additional information, and stressed the importance of timeliness due to the speed that a bill could be changed.

Senator Meredith echoed the request of Representative Floyd and stated the annexation issues moved quickly.

Representative Parfitt stated she had worked hard on the rental property bills and annexation issues, and provided an overview of the two recently passed annexation bills.

Representative Glazier thanked Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, and all of his staff for providing exceptional feedback.

Mayor Chavonne stated the City had been very transparent on all matters and operated an open government. He stated the City had been consistent in its position on the bills that effected the City.

Representative Parfitt acknowledged the City government was indeed open and transparent. A discussion on funding road improvements and road building took place. The possibility of toll roads and gas taxes were also discussed.

Representative Floyd stated the state currently had \$60 billion worth of road projects.

Council Member Davy introduced discussion on House bill 219, sex offender registry amendments. Representative Glazier acknowledged there were oversights in the legislation that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Iman introduced discussion on Senate Bill 315, an act to permit campaign signs in highway rights-of-way with reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions and explained the confusion that was occurring in the City.

Council Member Applewhite stated her concerns for veterans returning from combat zones that were facing mental health problems and homelessness. She stated cities that host significant numbers of military members need funding assistance.

Mr. Doug Byrd, Government Liaison, Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, announced the Economic Development Committee would be holding its quarterly meeting November 3-4, 2011, at the Special Operations Museum, and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.