

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE ROOM  
MAY 11, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne  
Council Members Keith Bates, Sr. (District 1); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)  
Absent: Council Member Darrell J. Haire (District 4)  
Others Present:

Dale E. Iman, City Manager  
Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager  
Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney  
Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Manager  
Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director  
Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director  
Steve Blanchard, PWC CEO/General Manager  
Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist  
Members of the Press

**I. Open Meeting**

Mayor Chavonne opened the meeting and called it to order.  
Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, introduced Ms. Jennifer Lowe, Public Information Officer, to Council.

**II. Introduction of Agenda**

Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, provided an overview of the agenda as distributed.

**III. Public Works Commission Budget Discussion**

Mr. Steve Blanchard, PWC CEO/General Manager, provided a handout that contained answers to questions submitted by Council and staff advised it would be posted on the City's website. A question and answer period ensued regarding water and sewer rates and fleet maintenance services. Mr. Blanchard explained PWC rates ranked in the lower tier for water rates and the middle tier for sewer rates in comparison to other utility providers. Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, provided background information on the fleet maintenance agreement.

Consensus of Council was to have Mr. James Rose, PWC Chief Administrative Officer, make a presentation at the September City Council work session on the investments in smaller vehicles and a new maintenance facility. Mr. Blanchard advised Mr. Rose could present a report and was also working on a performance report on the operations.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the status of the Robert C. Williams building. Mr. Blanchard explained the building was paid for and they were drawing revenue from it. He stated they were not pushing to sale the building while the garage was being built as they would like top dollar for the building.

A question and answer period ensued regarding consolidation of IT services with PWC. Mr. Blanchard explained PWC was working on major projects and would not have the manpower for the consolidation.

**IV. Storm Water Improvement Projects Update**

Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, presented this item and provided background information. He stated after a watershed study and consultants looking at what improvements would need to be put in place, they were now ready to implement the projects.

Mr. Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, provided a handout containing a list of projects planned for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, which included Annexation Area 8, Annexation Area 9, Lyon Road/Rogers Drive, Lockwood and Ravenhill, Cottonade, Anson Pond, Seabrook, Lafayette Village, Summerhill North, Buckhead Creek Watershed, Spruce Street-Forest Hills

Drive Section, McNeill Circle, and Yadkin. He stated some of the projects were underway, some were in the process of being bid, and some were up for design. He stated the goal was to have 70 percent of the projects bid before the end of June.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the projects on the list and concern was raised by Council on projects not being on the list such as the Buckhead Creek and Branson Creek issues. Mr. Brown explained the projects were prioritized and the list was the first round of projects.

Mayor Chavonne inquired if a timeline could be provided on future projects to alleviate citizen concern. Mr. Brown replied in the affirmative.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the timeline, short-term funding, Phase II requirements of the storm water ordinance, and status of permits.

#### **V. Overview of Recommended FY 2010 Street Resurfacing**

Mr. Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, presented this item and provided a handout containing a list of the 2011-2012 proposed resurfacing streets for Phase I and Phase II and streets for possible cape seal and micro-resurfacing. He stated Phase I streets would be addressed between August 15 and November 15 and Phase II between March 15 and June 15. He provided information on cape seals and micro-resurfacings. He stated they were working on a pavement condition survey which would provide a status of the streets and identify streets for resurfacing. He explained they would not look at resurfacing strictly from a neighborhood standpoint because some streets for various reasons in a neighborhood may hold up longer than another street. He stated with the pavement condition rating they would also look at sidewalk and sign conditions. He stated the information from the survey would be available electronically and tied back to the GIS to assist with calls and complaints.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the public being informed of the process through community meetings and whether all streets were evaluated. Mr. Brown advised they could have someone available at the community meetings to explain the process. He explained the streets were evaluated every three years and the schedule was set by the street ratings.

#### **VI. Discussion of Nonprofit Funding**

Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, presented this item and stated Council had previously discussed nonprofit funding in a different manner. He explained in the current budget the Child Advocacy Center and Crime Stoppers were in the Police budget at the same level of funding in fiscal year 2011 because they were receiving services that were a tangible benefit such as training and office space. He stated the money for the Arts Council, Fascinate-U, CEED, and ASOM were lumped together and put in other appropriations under contract services which represented the same amount that was budgeted in fiscal year 2011.

A question and answer period ensued regarding funding requirements and the process used by Community Development. Mr. Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director, explained the process and rating criteria.

Discussion ensued regarding working with applicants that were denied funding to develop applications that would be more competitive in the future.

Mayor Chavonne stated there was not a clear policy on nonprofit funding and what was in the budget in the absence of a clear policy was basically funding they had previously received. He stated they could revisit the funding model for nonprofits at an upcoming work session.

Consensus of Council was to approve the nonprofit funding for fiscal year 2012.

#### **VII. Items of Interest for Upcoming Budget Workshops**

Consensus of Council was to discuss the following at upcoming budget workshops:

- Compensation and benefit issues
- Capital Improvement Plan for 2012
- Revenues
- What the City funds and County funds for Parks and Recreation
- Upgrading stadium lights
- Parks and Recreation maintenance funding

- How do we fund new Transit routes in non-service areas

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.