

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE ROOM  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:05 p.m.); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4) (arrived at 5:50 p.m.); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9) (arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Kady Ann Davy (District 2)

Others Present: Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager  
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Crisp.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Crisp moved to approve the agenda.  
**SECOND:** Council Member McDougald  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

**4.0 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, introduced Mr. Rob Stone, the new Engineering and Infrastructure Director, and Mr. Doug Hewett, the new Interim Permitting and Code Enforcement Director.

**5.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5.01 Preliminary Financing Package Options for Parks Project Bonds**

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, presented this item with the aid a PowerPoint presentation and stated the Fayetteville City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, to discuss a Parks and Recreation Capital Program. The Council directed staff to initiate the process of placing a question before the voters during the March 15, 2016, primary election regarding whether the City should be authorized to issue up to \$45 million in General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Recreation capital investments. During this special meeting, the Council also ranked a number of proposed capital projects and provided staff direction regarding the creation of alternate financial plans utilizing alternate financing tools including up to \$45 million in General Obligation Bonds. The Council adopted the Preliminary Findings Resolution on October 26, 2015. Staff is now prepared to present options for discussion.

Mr. Bauer provided a summary of the voting results from the October 21, 2015, special meeting with the estimated cost of each

project, and presented four scenarios. He presented the following estimated cost of the projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Senior Centers (2) - East and West	1	\$17 million
Existing Park Improvements (6) - Brentwood, Clark, Dorothy Gilmore, Massey Hill, Mazarick Park, Seabrook Park	2	\$17.8 million
Cape Fear River Park (Downtown)	4	\$23.1 million
Splash Pads (7)	4	\$3.5 million
Skateboard Park	5	\$2.0 million
Field Complex (Exit 49)	7	\$9.0 million

Mr. Bauer provided a proposed financing plan for scenario 1.

Discussion ensued pertaining to financing proposals.

Mayor Robertson stated the City Manager had cautioned against going out for a bond proposal for anything less than \$25 million, and asked why that option proposal had been included in some of the financing proposals. Mr. Bauer responded he was providing multiple alternatives.

Council Member Arp stated if a course of action is not valid, why would it be presented.

Discussion ensued regarding funding of the Westover swimming pool and the forthcoming College Lakes pool.

Council Member Crisp stated he has no recollection of a debt for the College Lakes pool funding, and thought \$2.2 million was appropriated to pay for the pool.

Council Member Arp asked when the Council was briefed on providing a 15-year capital year lease to finance the College Lakes pool. Ms. Tracey Broyles stated the City cash funded the Westover aquatics center, and the College Lakes pool was in the budget with debt issuance.

Mayor Robertson stated he did not remember financing for the College Lakes pool.

Council Member Arp stated he has no recollection that the Council ever talked about a 15-year lease, it was meant to be funded the same way as the Westover pool; pay as you go.

Council Member Crisp stated this Council did not authorize a debt to pay for the College Lakes pool. Ms. Broyles stated the vote for the debt will come before Council in December.

Council Member Colvin stated we are being rushed with this item.

Council Member Arp stated we are rushing down this road to put this packet together and we do not know what the operational and maintenance costs will be. He stated the scenarios are complicated as they have various financing scenarios.

Council Member Wright stated he thinks the Council is going in the right direction but is scrambling to get the packet out, but we have to get the right packet out, and going around and around with people disrespecting each other and things of that nature and this much tension in the room is not helping anything, and asked where the breakdown in communication is.

Discussion ensued regarding public/private partnership funding.

Council Member Colvin asked if staff has had public/private funding conversations that the Council has not been made aware of. Mr. Bauer replied in the negative.

Council Member Arp stated there are over 50,000 school children in the County, and the majority of them are located within the City limits of Fayetteville; we need to be successful and touch everyone with the bond packet.

Council Member Colvin stated the locations of the facilities have not yet been discussed, and the locations are another work session.

Council Member Crisp stated it is premature to start discussing locations.

This item was for information only, no consensus was given.

## **5.02 Proposed 2016 City Council Meeting Dates Calendar**

Mr. Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager, presented this item and stated staff has provided a proposed 2016 City Council meeting dates calendar that also identifies retreats, budget work sessions, and conferences. He requested that any feedback be provided to the City Clerk by November 12, 2015.

Council Member Crisp stated he is not in favor of looking at the draft budget guidelines in January, and stated they should come before Council at the retreat in February. In April the budget presentation should be on April 20; the way this is set up now, the citizens will hear the presentation at the same time as Council on May 23, 2016, I want this on April 20, 2016. Mr. Reinstein stated the plan was to present on May 9, 2016.

Council Member Arp stated Council needs more than 30 days to study the budget and the PWC budget. Mr. Reinstein stated he will discuss with staff to see if the budget can be presented to Council at an earlier date.

Council Member Arp stated Council wants to see the budget earlier and see the PWC budget simultaneously; we have been pretty explicit about this.

Mayor Robertson stated the work session scheduled for March 7, 2016, needs to be cancelled as it conflicts with the NLC Congressional Cities Conference. Council Member Arp suggested the meeting remain on the calendar until we know how many elected officials are planning to attend the conference.

## **5.03 Presentation of Manager's Messenger current/future content and Format**

Mr. Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director, presented this item and stated the Manager's Messenger is currently distributed on a weekly basis to the Mayor and City Council. The Corporate Communications Department desires to ensure the product being received now is useful to the Mayor and Council, or if it needs adjustments to make it a more informative product. The Corporate Communications Department receives input from regular contributors with often more lengthy reports, and does not receive regular updates from many other departments. It is the belief of the Corporate Communications Director that we could make this a more efficient and beneficial product by making it a twice-monthly report and including a more concise highlight from all departments rather than lengthy reports from those departments that regularly contribute to the Manager's Messenger. Moving to a twice-monthly product allows directors more time between reporting periods to allow for more significant progress on events and projects in their departments. It also allows for the

Corporate Communications Department to spend more time between reports gathering the information. For those departments not choosing to or not able to contribute relevant information in the twice-monthly format, we would simply list those departments as having "nothing significant to report". Mr. Arata concluded by stating he recommends adopting the twice-monthly format for the Manger's Messenger with input from all City departments.

**Consensus of Council was to approve the recommendation and move this item forward.**

#### **5.04 Council Member Colvin - Agenda Item Request - Youth Program**

Council Member Colvin introduced this item and stated he would like the City to ask the Cumberland County School Board to consider using the red light camera revenue towards funding vocational programs; for example automotive mechanic and carpentry for teenage students as opposed to the School Board using the funding for signs, trees, and shrubs.

Council Member Arp cautioned against asking the School Board to appropriate funding towards specific items; the school system is cash strapped, and we need to be sensitive.

Council Member Mohn stated he liked the concept, but the red light camera revenue was not a fixed amount.

Council Member Crisp stated he anticipated the red light camera revenue would decline as motorists became aware of the red light camera locations and fines associated with running a red light.

Council Member Jensen stated she thought it was a great idea, but stated there are many high school students already enrolled in vocational classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Council Member McDougald cautioned there may be legal issues with even suggesting to the school board how they spend the red light camera revenue.

**No consensus was given to move this item forward.**

#### **6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.