

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 21, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Kirk deViere (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3) (arrived at 5:53 p.m.); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); 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, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present: Theodore Voorhees, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Jerry Dietzen, Environmental Services Director
Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Cheryl Spivey, Chief Financial Officer
Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director
Mark Brown, PWC Senior Customer Programs Officer
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Wright.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Arp moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Council Member Mohn
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.01 Discussion of Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

(1) North Carolina Civil War Center and Museum

Ms. Mary Lynn Bryan, Member, Board of Directors, NC Civil War History Center, and Mr. John (Mac) Healy, President of the Board of Directors, provided background on the proposed North Carolina Civil War Center and Museum and stated the North Carolina Civil War History Center will be the first museum in the nation to tackle the difficult topics of the Civil War and Reconstruction from the perspective of a single state and all of its people. Almost all Civil War-related museums and sites in our nation focus on specific battles or famous military leaders. North Carolina's stories of the war were less about the battles than about the home front. Ours are stories of division and reconciliation, freedom and institutional oppression, opportunity and economic devastation. The North Carolina Civil War History Center is affiliated with the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, a branch of the North Carolina Division of History Museums, and will be

located at the site of the remains of the Fayetteville Arsenal. The Board is asking \$7,500,000.00 from the City.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(2) Hay Street Parking Deck

Council Member Mohn stated the City has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince Charles Hotel developers and recommended removing this item from the CIP.

Council Member deViere stated he would be hesitant to pull this item from the CIP, as we have a huge opportunity to do something significant in the downtown area.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(3) Automated Truck Wash

Council Member Arp stated there are some private truck-wash businesses in the area, and said he would be interested to learn what a five-year contract with one of these companies would cost.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(4) City/County 911 Communications Center

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, stated this item was recently presented to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Liaison Committee, and a report entitled "Co-Location Assessment and Feasibility Study" was provided to all members of the committee by Mission Critical Partners.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(5) Police Central District Leased Office Renovations

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, stated the Police Central District would like to relocate from Hay Street to a new location within the district that they currently patrol. The new location will place the Central District in a more efficient location which would provide citizens easy access to the district, provide more working space for officers, host an array of community meetings and events, and increase police presence in the district.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(6) Police Training Center

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, stated the Fayetteville Police Department has outgrown the current Training and Education Center located at 671 N. Eastern Boulevard, a larger and technologically up-to-date facility has been requested. A partnership with the Fire Department was a suggested option.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(7) Fort Bragg Railroad Connector (Identify source of funding)

Mr. Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, stated this project will enhance the Fort Bragg connector, thereby reducing railway congestion in downtown. The City was awarded a grant through the SAFETEA program for Railway improvements. The first project completed under this grant agreement is the connector track construction at Winslow Street and Old Yard. The second completed project rehabilitated an old track back into service providing more storage for trains in the switching yard. The third and final phase plans to construct a bridge from the main line of CSX to the Fort Bragg line. The connector will provide a direct connection to Fort

Bragg and will eliminate the need for these trains to enter downtown. The current project has experienced a delay due to the railroad cost estimate exceeding the funding participation from NCDOT and the City. Until additional funding can be identified, the project is on hold.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(8) Legend Avenue Relocation

Mr. Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, stated this project included realigning and widening the existing two-lane Legend Avenue from Sycamore Dairy Road to Skibo Road to a three-lane road complete with sidewalk and traffic signal. It also includes the installation of a stormwater management facility as required for the impervious area addition and the relocation of the pond installed by Barcelona Night Club per the executed agreement at the same time of development. The traffic signal has been designed and installed in anticipation of the future roadway connection. A preliminary concept is complete and the right-of-way for the roadway has been acquired.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(9) Street Resurfacing (Projects funded by tax increase)

Mr. Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, stated this project would provide funding for the resurfacing of City streets as outlined in the pavement evaluation survey completed in 2013. The goal is to attain a 20-year cycle for City-maintained streets moving our street ratings toward our benchmark of 85 percent of the streets rated at 85 or better.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(10) Murchison Road Redevelopment

Ms. Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager, stated the City has completed the acquisition of the properties through voluntary measures. The City is currently working with attorneys to complete the condemnation of the remaining 11 parcels and will begin the acquisition of Catalyst Site 1A. The plan covers the corridor from Rowan Street to the south, to the intersection of the planned Outer Loop or Fort Bragg to the north. This plan was approved by City Council in 2008. The Murchison Road Redevelopment Plan follows the recommendations of the Land Use and Economic Development Plans for the Murchison Road Corridor; this project will provide economic development opportunities.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(11) E911 Center Relocation (Technology)

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, stated the proposed Communications building will house its 911 Communications Center as well as co-locate with Cumberland County's 911 Center. The Communications Center has located City-owned land off Tom Starling Road. The 911 Center will seek grant funding from the 911 Board to assist with the cost of the Communication Building. The City and County have selected Mission Critical Partners to complete a needs assessment and feasibility study for co-location of the 911 Center.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

(12) FayWorx

Mr. Wayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer, stated the major plan point for the City is a comprehensive work order system that should be flexible enough so that citizens can enter requests in various ways and search for information. Mr. Campbell provided an overview of the FayWorx program.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was reached.

4.02 Stormwater Projects CIP

Mr. Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Stormwater CIP project process, and stated the best case scenario of a project duration is 14 months, and a worse case is 6 years, 2 months. Mr. Stone provided a handout that detailed the Stormwater projects that are currently under design and/or construction, and a list of the recently updated project list.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed increase of the stormwater fee from \$45.00 to \$48.00 per residence.

Mayor Robertson asked for a show of hands on the issue. Council Members deViere, McDougald, Hurst, Wright, and Mohn raised their hands in favor of the proposed increase and Council Members Robertson, Jensen, Colvin, Crisp and Arp raised their hand in opposition to the proposed increase.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.