

**CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM
MAY 18, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Kirk deViere (District 2); Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); 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 (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Nat Robertson

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Barbara Hill, Human Resource Development Director
Victor Sharpe, Community Development Director
Giselle Rodriguez, City Engineer
Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer
Mike Bailey, Interim Permitting/Inspections Director
Hieu Sifford, Deputy Fire Chief
Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Cheryl Spivey, Chief Financial Officer
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Elizabeth Somerindyke, Internal Audit Director
Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Strategic Performance Analytics Director
Mark Brown, PWC Customer Relations Officer
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member McDougald.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Mohn

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 Department Realignments

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the following departments are under review for realignments: Public Services, Development Services and Community Development. Mr. Bauer provided an organizational chart for each of the three departments listed, showing proposed realignments. Mr. Bauer stated the proposed realignments for Public Services and Development Services have no additional positions and have neutral savings. The Community Development Department would show a savings with the reduction of two positions.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was given.

4.2 Stormwater Overview

Mr. Rob Stone, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Stone provided an overview of the Stormwater Utility Fee, Program Expenditures, Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects, Ongoing Project Update, Recommended Project List and Future Planning. Mr. Stone stated the proposed FY 18 budget includes a \$0.50 increase on the Stormwater Utility Fee. The current fee is \$3.75 per month and the proposed \$0.50 increase for FY 18 will provide \$914,490.00 per year.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to approve of the \$0.50 per month increase to the Stormwater Utility fee. Council Members Jensen and Arp were opposed to the consensus.

4.3 Downtown Parking

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Jernigan provided an overview of the Ballpark parking impact and provided three proposed options to resolve the need for additional parking once the ballpark is operational. Mr. Jernigan provided an overview of the downtown parking program highlights and stated there are a total of 1,868 spaces. Mr. Jernigan reviewed the FY 18 budgeted expenditures and recommendations.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff is asking for Council's approval to extend the McLaurin Parking contract for one year.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to extend the McLaurin Parking contract for one year. Council Members Mohn and McDougald were in opposition to the consensus.

4.4 Red Light Cameras

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, introduced this item and stated if we go with the additional five cameras, the contract will cover for the next five years.

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the existing ten camera locations, and provided an overview of the proposed locations for the five additional cameras for Grove Street/Rowan Street, Raeford Road, Owen Drive, and Skibo Road. A map was displayed to show the locations of the existing and proposed cameras. Mr. Jernigan provided an overview of the citations issued for each location from July 2015 through January 2017. Mr. Jernigan stated the City of Fayetteville transferred \$1,191,678.00 in FY 2016 and \$1,213,928.00 in FY 17 (through April 30, 2017) for a total of \$2,405,606.00.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to expand the program for five additional cameras (passed by a vote of 7 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Colvin and Jensen). Consensus of Council was to direct the City Manager and Council Members Jensen Hurst to meet with Dr. Till, Cumberland County School District Superintendent, and discuss Council recommendations for how the red light camera funding could be appropriated.

4.5 Environmental Service Fund (a) Fee Comparisons and (b) Brown Cart Proposal

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated several years ago the Environmental Services Department was converted to an enterprise fund, which is heavily supported by the general fund. Mr. Bauer provided a chart showing the expenditures and revenues, and stated the proposed FY 18 budget includes a \$4.00 increase to total \$48.00 per year. There is almost a 7 percent increase in recycling service cost and a projected significant reduction in glass value. Mr. Bauer provided a fee comparison of the cities and noted that not all of the service levels were the same and several cities have supplemental charges. He also noted that some cities provided incomplete information and some had a separate landfill fee.

Consensus of Council was to approve of the proposed \$4.00 increase and staff will return to the next budget work session with some further options.

Mr. Bauer introduced the Brown Cart Proposal and provided an overview of the yard waste cart option and stated the proposal would provide all customers with a 96 gallon brown cart, and would allow bags, but no other carts or cans. Lifts would be used to dump. The cart cost would be financed over 48 months by the manufacturer at \$13.00 for the first year, and \$12.00 for the next three years.

Discussion ensued. No consensus was given on the Brown Cart Proposal.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.