

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM and  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
OCTOBER 2, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson (departed at 8:43 p.m.)

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Kirk deViere (District 2) (arrived at 5:11 p.m.); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5) (arrived at 5:13 p.m.); William J. L. Crisp (District 6) (arrived at 5:05 p.m.); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Giselle Rodriguez, City Engineer  
Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Director  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Randy Hume, Transit Director  
Eloise Sahlstrom, Urban Designer  
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager  
Marsha Bryant, Development Services Advocate  
David Trego, PWC CEO/General Manager  
Will Deaton, Comprehensive Planner  
John Larch, Engineer II  
Robert Van Geons, President and CEO, FCEDC  
Mark Brown, PWC Customer Services 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 McDougald.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Arp moved to approve the agenda with the exceptions of moving Item 4.015 as the first item, combining Items 4.012 and 4.016 into one item, and pulling Item 4.06 to be placed on the October 30, 2017, work session agenda.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Colvin

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**4.015 City Council Agenda Item Request - Annexation of all PWC real properties into the City of Fayetteville.**

Council Member Arp introduced this item and stated there are some real properties that are not located within the boundaries of the City of Fayetteville. Since PWC is the City of Fayetteville's utility, all real property of PWC belongs to the City and should be annexed into the City. No tax revenue is generated by PWC real properties, but the City does receive a payment in lieu of taxes from PWC. In the event

of a future sale of PWC real property, the City of Fayetteville would not receive tax revenue on these properties as they would be located in the County. Therefore, the City should annex all of these properties that belong to the City into the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin asked Mr. Trego if there were currently any pending sales. Mr. Trego responded in the negative.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to bring this item back to the October 30, 2017, work session with the list of PWC properties.**

#### **4.01 Professional Services Contract for Engineering Evaluation of Privately-Owned Dams Damaged During Hurricane Matthew**

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated Hurricane Matthew floodwaters damaged dams throughout the City. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) agreed to provide Public Assistance to repair City-maintained dams; however, privately-owned dams were not eligible for FEMA funding. In an effort to help rebuild the community following Hurricane Matthew, City staff researched state law for mechanisms to assist. City staff found that under North Carolina General Statute 160A-216, the City could potentially assist in the repair of private dams as long as there was a public benefit provided by the dam and/or lake. The City can fund the design and construction of dam repairs and recoup the funding through a special tax assessment levied on benefited property owners. In July 2017, the City held a series of meetings to reach out to the neighborhoods affected by dams damaged from Hurricane Matthew. The City explained that helping repair private dams would be a multi-step process, beginning with an engineering evaluation of the dam and a determination of the repair costs. The City asked impacted Home Owners Associations (HOAs) to poll their members and see if there was support for moving forward with the process. If supported by their members, HOAs were instructed to submit a petition to the City by August 31, 2017. Petitions were received from the following owners of four private dams requesting that the City perform an engineering evaluation of their dams:

- Strickland Bridge Dam - Strickland Bridge HOA
- Rayconda Upper Dam - Rayconda HOA
- Rayconda Lower Dam - Rayconda HOA
- Arran Lake Dam - Arran Lake HOA

Mr. Bauer further stated a petition was also received from 3 DAG LLC, a private corporation that owns Wooded Lake Dam at the Kings Grant Golf Course, however staff is not recommending this dam be included for consideration in the process. A cursory inspection revealed that the Wooded Lake Dam appears to have sustained little to no damage from Hurricane Matthew. The petition submitted to the City indicates that repairs have been done to the dam, so it is unclear why City assistance would be required. 3 DAG LLC is a for-profit corporation that owns Wooded Lake Dam which serves a private golf course (Kings Grant), with no apparent benefit for the citizens that would justify City involvement in improvements to this dam. To begin the process of assisting the HOAs with damaged dams, City staff is recommending that the City Manager be authorized to execute a professional services contract to perform the engineering evaluations of these private dams. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for post-Hurricane Matthew professional services was advertised on January 17, 2017, in accordance with state and federal requirements. The firm selected for the project management and construction oversight function was Freese & Nichols, Inc. (FNI) located in Raleigh, NC. No Fayetteville firms responded to the RFQ. Staff proposes to extend the services of FNI to include the requested evaluations at a cost of \$200,600.00. This cost could be recovered from assessment funds should the project move forward. This contract would be limited to the initial evaluation of the dams and would determine the cost to repair the private dams, identify a public function for the dams,

identify benefited property owners, and develop a plan for how the repairs could be paid for through a special tax assessment of the benefited property owners.

Mr. Bauer stated once the benefited property owners are identified and a cost is determined, the property owners would then petition to determine if a majority of benefited property owners are in favor of a special tax assessment before any further engineering or construction work is undertaken. These future petitions would be brought before the City Council at a later date for consent. If property owners petitioned in favor of moving forward and the City Council approved the request, City staff would proceed with the project in a manner similar to other City projects. Engineering design services would be performed by a firm to be selected through an RFQ process and a construction firm would be selected through a public bidding process. The cost of the evaluation for each dam is as follows:

Strickland Bridge Dam	\$54,940.00
Rayconda Upper Dam	\$54,740.00
Rayconda Lower Dam	\$55,940.00
Arran Lake Dam	\$34,980.00

Mr. Bauer stated the City does not anticipate being able to obtain any FEMA reimbursement or State reimbursement for the cost of the engineering evaluations. If, upon completion of the evaluations, the property owners petition against moving forward with the special assessment for design and repair of the dam, the City would have no way to recoup the initial engineering evaluation cost from the dam owners.

Discussion ensued.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to look at all dams with due diligence, and bring this item back to City Council in 30 days. Staff to notify all affected residents of the Corps of Engineers two-year time limit.**

**4.02 Prince Charles Holding ("PCH") Downtown Development Agreement - Second Amendment (Staff recommends this item for Closed Session; Attorney Client Privileged Information)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Arp moved to go into closed session for an attorney-client privileged matter relating to the Prince Charles Holding (PCH) Downtown Development Agreement and a personnel matter related to the City Manager employment contract.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 6:15 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Mohn moved to go into open session.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**4.03 Stadium/Prince Charles Holding Plaza Area Design Update**

Mr. Rory Dowling, PCH, stated PCH was given the design and construction management responsibility for the site infrastructure and public plaza per the Downtown Development Agreement with the City. PCH engaged Stewart for landscape architecture and civil engineering services, and further stated there is coordination between all the stakeholders which include the City, Baseball Committee, Astros, Populus, Barton Malow and PWC.

Mr. Rory Dowling, PCH, introduced the design team members of Mr. Michael Batts, Mr. Tim Summerville, and Ms. Katie Hamilton.

Mr. Batts provided an overview of the project/scope and background, design collaboration, preliminary design plans for the infrastructure and the plaza design, and cost estimates, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Tim Summerville provided an overview of the project goals (non-programmatic and programmatic). An overview of the concept plans was also provided.

**Council thanked Mr. Dowling and Stewart staff for the update.**

#### **4.04 Proposed 2018 City Council Meeting Dates Calendar**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, presented this item and stated the City Clerk's office has prepared a draft 2018 City Council meeting dates calendar for Council consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin asked if the calendar should be voted on after the general election. Mr. Hewett responded the calendar is routinely adopted in October. Ms. Pamela Megill, City Clerk, asked for the calendar to be adopted prior to the election for planning purposes and stated the calendar is part of the onboarding packet for the newly elected Council members.

**Consensus of Council was to move this item forward to the consent agenda of the October 9, 2017, regular meeting agenda.**

#### **4.05 Strategy and Performance Project Update**

Ms. Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Strategic Performance Analytics Director, presented this item and stated the Strategy and Performance Analytics (SPA) Office mission is to maximize organizational performance for a positive impact. Several key strategy and performance improvement initiatives are underway. The City's strategic planning process is designed to build upon past successes, yet also accommodate proactive response to changing environments. Upcoming key dates include the Senior Management Team Retreat in December, the Café Conversations event in January, and the City Council Retreat scheduled for February 2 and 3, 2018. The SPA Office is working with several partners to advance performance and quality improvement efforts. The What Works Cities project is underway and will help refine a comprehensive set of performance measures for stormwater operations (developing a stat model) that will assist in making evidence-based policy decisions and will allow the City to better communicate the efficiency and effectiveness of its stormwater program to residents. This initiative, while it is focused on our stormwater program, will advance the City's citizen driven performance measurement program, TRACstat. The TRACstat program ensures we are results-focused, accountable, and transparent. The FY 17 Performance Report is scheduled to be presented to City Council October 9, 2017. The City prides itself in being an engaged leader in the community for innovation, effective change management, and continuous improvement strategies. SPA has partnered with Fayetteville's Opioid Taskforce and Bloomberg Philanthropies in an effort to submit a grant application for the 2017 Mayor's Challenge. The grant application is due October 18, 2017. Key project team members also include staff from the City Clerk's Office, the Police Department, and Information Technology Department. SPA has partnered with the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion and our stormwater staff to launch the Stormwater Ambassador program in September. The next civil affairs exercise will assist the Emergency Management team with the development of a pedestrian evacuation plan for downtown. The project is slated for November. The City of Fayetteville has been invited to join the Network for Southern Economic Mobility. The Network has helped cities close gaps that separate people from potential economic growth. This opportunity aligns to City Council's strategic objectives for the City Goals of Diverse and Viable Economy and a Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate. Moreover, it will supplement the City's efforts following the City Council approved anti-poverty summit (Pathways for Prosperity) which will be held in November. One main goal of this initiative is to increase the upward economic mobility for youth and

young adults in the lowest income brackets. Through on-site coaching, expert programmatic technical assistance, and facilitated peer-learning, the Network is designed to help communities deepen, accelerate, and align strategic investments for systemic change that position these youth and young adults for economic success. Participation with the Network comes with a two-year commitment and a \$25,000.00 annual participation fee. However, the John M. Belk Endowment has an interest in subsidizing the City's \$25,000.00 first year participation fee. We are working with the Network's coordinating agency, MDC, to submit a proposal to the John M. Belk Endowment to cover the cost of the City's participation for the first year. If the City does not receive this funding, we plan to decline the invitation. If the funding is approved, it will flow directly to MDC. Currently, the MDC is working to respond to the John M. Belk Endowment on the City's behalf and expects confirmation within a few weeks. The City will seek alternative funding sources for the second year of participation, to include exploring opportunities to partner with Cumberland Community Foundation. The other three cities that were invited to participate are Little Rock, Ark., Savannah, Ga., and Spartanburg, S.C. In the event the John M. Belk Endowment funding is available to cover the City's participation fee, the SPA Office is beginning preparation for the Network's kickoff event being held in Durham on November 1-3, 2017. The City of Fayetteville partnered with Greater Fayetteville United to perform the City's first comprehensive social capital survey. A community forum was held September 19, 2017, to communicate results and empower action. More than 175 residents and leaders attended. A report from the community forum will be provided to Council when available to help guide policy. A citizen survey, gauging citizen satisfaction and priority levels for City services is slotted for next spring.

**Consensus of Council was approval of the SPA project updates and timeline: October 9 - Performance Report, October 18 - Mayors Challenge Grant Application, October 2017 - Social Capital Survey and Community Forum, October 2017 - What Works Cities, November 1 -3 - MDC participation and kickoff, November 13 - 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs exercise, November 18 - Poverty Summit, December 2017 - SMT retreat, January 2018 - Café Conversations, Council Onboarding, FY 18 TFA review, and February 2-3 - City Council Retreat Dates.**

#### **4.06 Amortization of Nonconforming Extended Stay Operations**

This item was pulled from the agenda to be placed on the October 30, 2017, City Council work session agenda.

#### **4.07 Comprehensive Plan Next Study Areas**

Mr. Will Deaton, Comprehensive Planner, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated City Council has directed staff to update the 2010 Plan as a Comprehensive Plan Update. This direction included studying specific areas of the City and its environs likely to see significant changes over the next 20 to 30 years. This item is to advise Council about the next areas to be studied. To date, staff has completed the Cape Fear River Plan component and is ready to proceed with public hearings for the adoption of the Medical Village Plan and the Haymount Plan. The Shaw Heights area is uncertain depending on whether or not it is annexed. Staff proposes that the next two areas to be studied are Massey Hill and Bonnie Doone. Staff will present the boundaries of these two study areas and propose that the boundaries of the Bonnie Doone area be extended to the All American Freeway. If Council agrees that these areas will be the next two areas to be studied, staff will initiate the appropriate planning process. The current status of the areas recommended to be studied are as follows:

##### Complete or Underway:

- (1) Cape Fear River - Completed

- (2) Medical Village - Draft complete, next step would be public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council. Following City Council consideration and direction, it would be adopted for implementation. Tentatively scheduled for a public hearing before Planning Commission in October 2017.
- (3) Haymount - Draft complete, next step would be public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council. Following City Council consideration and direction, it would be adopted for implementation. Seek direction from City Council as to when to move the study forward for Planning Commission and City Council public hearings.

Future Study Areas:

Bonnie Doone - Seeking direction  
Massey Hill - Seeking direction  
Shaw Heights - Depends on annexation  
Mall, Glensford Drive - Future  
Downtown - Future  
North Medical Village - Future

Council Member deViere stated we should be looking at growth areas. This list is a regurgitation of what we reviewed last time.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the last time we looked at this item, it was made clear there was too much conversation about Haymount. We can put other areas on this list if that is your interest. I do not think we have a good frame work for the various components and what the relationship is. The Planning staff can tell us exactly how the components can be used or not.

Council Member McDougald stated he was concerned about traffic movement in the Haymount area.

Council Member Jensen stated there are a lot of donut holes (that are County) in the Ramsey-Andrews Streets area, and further stated she would like a study of all the donut holes in District 1.

Council Member Crisp stated we need studies of where the rapid growth is taking place, those are the areas we need to concentrate on.

Council Member Wright expressed concerns regarding Hollywood Heights. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods and it needs sidewalks, the residents feel like they have been overlooked for many years.

Council Member Arp stated there are a lot of "low hanging fruit" items that are quick fixes that can change the visuals and appearance of the City. We need to focus on this. This is like the broken windows theory. We study a lot, let us do some things.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to look at where we anticipate growth and return this item with the list of areas and provide for how these studies may be used; this item to be placed on the October 30, 2017, City Council work session agenda.**

#### **4.08 Cross Creek River Walk Overlay**

Mr. Will Deaton, Comprehensive Planner, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated Planning staff is in the beginning stages of analysis for a River Walk Overlay along Cross Creek. The purpose is to establish regulations that govern form, function, design and use for properties located within the boundaries of the proposed River Walk Overlay District. Regulations would generally be intended to maintain and promote the corridor as a valuable asset to the City and region in terms of economic development and quality of life. The proposed subarea along Grove Street and

Eastern Boulevard bordered by the Cross Creek and Linear Park Trail to the north is a large area of over 72 acres with approximately 66 separate parcels. Only six parcels in the study area are over one acre. Zoning is mostly Mixed-Residential (43.93 acres) and Heavy Industrial (13 acres). The Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority has plans to redevelop Grove View Terrace into Cross Creek Pointe and increase the number of residential units from 212 to 272. The City of Fayetteville owns a 7.69 acre tract on Grove, B, and Lamon Streets that is currently home to the Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) and Environmental Services. A River Walk Overlay could address site design and future development in the proposed district in relation to building placement, parking, landscaping, lighting, signs and circulation. The River Walk Overlay would not impact existing residences, allow new uses not previously permitted, change ownership of property, initiate specific development projects or replace existing permit and approval requirements. Using the overlay as a tool, staff recommends placing properties in a River Walk (RW) designation based on location and distance from water source. Staff will proceed to Planning Commission and City Council for final approval and notify property owners for compliance with state and local notification requirements and to obtain their valuable input. The River Walk Overlay could also help support the Cross Creek Watershed Study which is currently underway. This study is being conducted by the Triangle J COG, with support from Sustainable Sandhills, American Rivers, PWC, Fayetteville Stormwater Division and Mid-Carolina COG. A public outreach meeting will be held on October 18, 2017, engaging stakeholders across the watershed and documenting feedback on a draft plan. The study will conclude in December with clearly defined actions and specific roles for stakeholder collaboration to pursue funding for implementation in 2018. Mr. Deaton announced the invitation to attend the public meeting on Cross Creek Watershed Study on October 18, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Rudolf Jones Student Center, located at Fayetteville State University.

Council Member Arp stated the Cape Fear River level can fluctuate up to 40 feet, and is not suitable for development, we are not going to build anything alongside of the river, the overlay should be continued over to Festival Park. We need to protect the creeks that feed into the Cape Fear River.

Council Member deViere stated we have a very detailed river plan with significant features, and I do like the idea to link it all together. The river park as part of the Parks Bond plan ties into this.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to draft an overlay for the Cross Creek River Walk overlay to tie into the creeks and waterways; this item to be placed on the February or March 2018 City Council work session agenda.**

#### **4.09 Transit Route 17**

Mr. Randy Hume, Transit Director, presented this item and stated at the September 5, 2017, work session, Council Member Mohn presented a proposed route change to Route 17 that serves the west Fayetteville area. The purpose of the change was to provide more convenient bus service to the developments along Hoke Loop Road. Staff performed a preliminary review of the options presented. The proposal was discussed at the September 19, 2017, meeting of the Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT). FAST Route 17 provides hourly bus service along Rim Road and Cliffdale Road with a terminal point at the Navy Federal Credit Union on Two Bales Road near the Gillis Hill area Walmart. Route 17 connects with other routes at Reilly and Cliffdale Roads as well as at Bonanza and Santa Fe Drives. Soon several trips will be extended to Cross Creek Mall and eliminate the need to make extra transfers. Route 17 is also slated to operate on Sundays when that service is implemented in November. In response to citizen inquiries, Council Member Mohn developed some proposals that

would have Route 17 to operate its return trip along Hoke Loop Road instead of Cliffdale Road. There are some destinations along Hoke Loop Road that would be advantageous to serve. Staff agrees there is also a need to improve its fixed route service in this area. A portion of the Hoke Loop Road area, including the Lake Rim Recreation Center, is served by our FASTTRAC! ADA service. Staff has reviewed the proposals but has not finalized any recommendations. Staff reviewed this with FACT members at its September meeting. Staff needs additional time to meet with interested citizens in this part of west Fayetteville in order to understand their needs and to review service proposals that best meet those needs. Staff is prepared to provide an update at the October work session. After meeting with those in the Hoke Loop Road area, staff will develop service proposals for consideration by FACT and City Council. A route recommendation along with next steps will be prepared by the January 2018 work session.

Discussion ensued.

**Consensus of Council was to take no further action on this item at the present time.**

**4.010 Discuss Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement of City Owned Real Property to Parkview of Fayetteville Townhome Association, Inc., for a Traffic Turnaround**

Ms. Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager, presented this item and stated the City executed a Master Development Agreement with Parkview of Fayetteville, LLC, for the townhome community located on Bragg Boulevard in June of 2013. The development has been constructed and would like to install a security gate within the private street located within the facility. In reviewing the plans it was requested by NCDOT that a turnaround be installed to allow for traffic that might turn in and need to exit without entering the gate. An easement is needed from the City to construct the turnaround to allow for safer traffic movements. The easement is within a parcel that is being utilized as the Freedom Trail and has City utilities within it. The easement, however, will not adversely affect any utilities in the area but will require some sprinklers to be relocated at the developer's expense. The 2017 tax value of the land is \$6,656.0 for a total of 31,363.2 square feet. Easements are calculated at 75 percent of the needed land value calculation. This easement is for 482 square feet which calculated to \$75.92.

Discussion ensued.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to move this item forward and place on the consent agenda of a future City Council regular meeting.**

**4.011 City Council Agenda Item Request - Resolution in Support of Community in Action - Mayor Pro Tem Colvin and Council Member Wright**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**4.012 City Council Agenda Item Request - Panhandling Ordinance - Mayor Pro Tem Colvin**

**4.016 City Council Agenda Item Request - Safe Streets and Parking Lots in Fayetteville - Addressing the Growing Problem of Panhandling - Council Member Arp**

Items 4.012 and 4.016 were combined into one item as they related to the same subject matter.

Council Member Arp presented these items and stated the City must develop a comprehensive plan to address "Panhandlers" that are becoming increasingly aggressive, endanger the public with their activities in City and NCDOT Streets, and negatively impact the



conduct of commerce. The problem of panhandling continues to be a significant problem in the City of Fayetteville and seriously impacts our ability to achieve three specific strategic goals. The number of panhandlers in Fayetteville appears to be increasing. They now are regular fixtures across the City at major intersections (all along Skibo Road, Bragg Boulevard, and others), at our commercial and retail business sites, and across our downtown area. Their activities of soliciting money in the right-of-way of highly traveled roads (45-MPH roads) creates a public safety issue for motorists as they cross, enter, linger on medians, and accept money on the roadways themselves. Their activities are not limited to daylight hours only. Many panhandlers are working the medians of busy roads, like Skibo Road in front of Walmart, wearing dark clothing and after dark in areas with little to no lighting. This puts the general public at risk of an accident as well as the panhandler. The aggressiveness of panhandlers is creating an impact on commerce activities in the City as people now are being confronted in parking lots of retail establishments, restaurants, and other commercial business by aggressive panhandlers seeking money. This aggressiveness is fueled by their substance addictions and potentially puts citizens at risk. It is creating a "chilling effect" on shoppers and patrons and driving revenue out of Fayetteville as more and more citizens are avoiding these commercial and retail areas so as not to be confronted by the aggressive panhandlers. The impact is to small and large businesses alike. Additionally, panhandlers are significantly impacting the image of Fayetteville with others from outside our community. As we attempt to recruit business, industry and investment, the image of people panhandling on street medians and corners, approaching patrons dining at outside venues and in shopping center parking lots, as well as approaching people attempting to enter their place of business presents a highly negative appearance. Couple that with business and industry recruiters who visit the City having to experience this situation personally—being approached at restaurants and at their hotels by aggressive panhandlers. This clearly presents a chilling effect to their decision-making process and impacts a potential economic development decision to locate their companies here. The City cannot fully achieve the three strategic goals listed above without a comprehensive plan to address panhandlers. We need to establish an overall comprehensive "Safe Streets" initiative that allows us to achieve the three goals above by focusing on specific public safety areas including panhandling (speeding, red light running, panhandling, litter, aggressive driving, and texting while driving). Our specific effort on panhandling should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Synchronize City of Fayetteville public safety efforts with nonprofit civic and religious organizations, the VA, and other Federal, State and County Social Services Agencies who are funded to provide help to homeless panhandlers so they receive opportunities for proper shelter, food, clothing, job training, and receive services for substance abuse and mental health issues.
- (2) Establish an ongoing Public Service Announcements Campaign that encourages citizens and residents not to give panhandlers money. Rather, we should encourage them to donate to civic and religious organizations that provide assistance with drug and alcohol addiction and assistance for those who are truly homeless.
- (3) Stepped up law enforcement effort on panhandlers and aggressive panhandlers within the current ordinance. Panhandlers that enter the roadway and endanger themselves and the public should be addressed on an ongoing basis (zero tolerance for panhandling in the streets). Aggressive panhandlers that threatened citizens and residents should equally be addressed by law enforcement within the current ordinance.

- (4) There needs to be better synchronization of efforts between our law enforcement, the DA, and Sheriff's Office for appropriate prosecution of recurring violators or threatening violators.
- (5) We need to determine legally the actions that can be taken to stiffen are panhandling ordinance similar to other communities. The problem here appears to be greater than in other communities in NC and across the Southeast US.
- (6) Implement a comprehensive and aggressive effort with all commercial and retail establishments to define private property with signage as no panhandling areas for better prosecution.
- (7) Enforce littering laws on panhandlers who leave trash along the roadways, in parking lots, and who are "squatters" on private property where they establish camps and leave volumes of trash and debris.

Discussion ensued.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to conduct research and review options of how to further regulate panhandling.**

**4.013 City Council Agenda Item Request - Bi-Lingual Correspondence - Mayor Pro Tem Colvin**

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin presented this item and stated he is requesting a report from City staff on the programs and policies relating to translation services provided to residents.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to ask the Human Relations Commission to report back on this item. No date specified.**

**4.014 City Council Agenda Item Request - Request an Update and Presentation on Police Activities League (PAL) - Council Member Jensen**

Council Member Jensen presented this item and stated she is requesting an update and presentation on the Police Activities League (PAL) from the Police Department.

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated the program is an opportunity to engage with our youth and the community.

**Consensus of Council was to direct staff to report back to Council on the Police Activities League (PAL). No date specified.**

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.