

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE ROOM
MAY 17, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Tisha W. Waddell (District 3) (arrived at 5:10 p.m.); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (left at 7:59 p.m.); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9) (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7)

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
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Anthony Kelly, Police Specialized Services Bureau Commander
Rob Stone, Public Services Director
Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Director
Elizabeth Somerindyke, Internal Audit Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Jay Toland, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Brandon Christian, Police Attorney
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Randy Hume, Transit Director
Shelia Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Assistant Director
Jane Starling, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Crisp.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Mohn

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

4.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.01 Grove View Terrace

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, provided an update on this project and stated that consistent with information provided to Council, staff completed their engineering review earlier this week. The zoning team completed their work yesterday evening. It is now up to the design team to respond to City staff. One concern was NCDOT usually requests the City to hold an engineering permit until they have issued the driveway permit. NCDOT provided some flexibility on that issue at staff's request. There is some recordation of right-of-way dedication that has not taken place. All we need now is some clarification for responses to be provided by the designers.

Discussion ensued.

4.02 Council Questions on the FY 2019 Recommended Budget

Ms. Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director, provided an overview of the budget questions and responses listed on the City's website under Budget Chronicles. Budget topics discussed were as follows: Airport fees, Airport fund balance, Pathways for Prosperity, Parks and Recreation litter crews, Freedom Memorial Park, MLK Park, cemetery fees, after school/summer camp fees, crosswalk painting, wayfinding signage, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, and Transit fees.

4.03 Stormwater Overview - Presentation and Stormwater Rate Fee

Mr. Keith Readling, C.E., Director of Stormwater Management and Executive Vice President of Raftelis, presented this item. Mr. Readling stated he was asked to look at what a more accelerated pace of stormwater "fixes" would look like. He stated that as the capital projects are being studied, they are uncovering capital needs of about \$4,000.00 per acre of land, or \$2.5 million per square mile. He predicted that the City's capital needs are going to go up \$190 million by the time the studies are completed. The capital needs for stormwater is a huge and not well understood number in most communities. Here the City grew rapidly through annexations and took in a lot of infrastructure that was not built to the City's development standards. The City had a lot of growth here and the capital need is going to be gigantic. He stated he would do the studies quicker, because if they do them more quickly, they will know more about the capital need and have more options to look at capital projects and combinations. Then he would start to debt finance capital projects in a hurry. The City will never get there with pay as they go funding. For a City this size, \$3 million to stormwater funding is just a tiny amount of money. This is not a cheap place to do stormwater management. Get more money and do watershed studies quicker. Start doing a lot of capital design so that they have a bigger tranche of available projects that helps in a lot of ways. They can be thoughtful about where they do things so as to coordinate with other infrastructure projects and combine projects for cost savings. If they raised rates one dollar instead of a quarter,. it would generate about \$1.84 million and they could get those studies done in 5 years instead of 26 years. Then hey would start debt financing those projects at a rapid rate.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to direct staff to bring back a one-time stormwater rate increase that would complete the studies in five years for further consideration.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

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