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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA BRIEFING/BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM
MAY 22, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Daniel Culliton (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (departed at 7:35 p.m.); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7) (departed at 7:26 p.m.); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Michael Hill, Fire Chief
Anthony Kelly, Assistant Police Chief
Gerald Newton, Development Services Director
Shelia Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Randy Hume, Transit Director
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Olivera, Assistant Budget and Evaluation Director
Rebecca Jackson, Strategic Planning and Analytics Director
Cynthia Blot, Economic and Community Development Director
Elizabeth Somerindyke, Internal Audit Director
Brad Whited, Airport Director
Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer
Hieu Shifford, Deputy Fire Chief
Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager
Kim Toon, Purchasing Manager
Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Crisp.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Colvin stated the agenda has been written on the board and led the Council through what will be discussed during the meeting.

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 County Proposal for 9-1-1 Center

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated yesterday afternoon the City received a written interlocal agreement from the County which sought to memorialize the talking points and discussion that have taken place over the last few months to get in place an agreement in order to submit a grant application due on May 31, 2019.

Mr. Hewett provided an overview of the interlocal agreement. Mr. Hewett stated section 3, financing for real property, in the interlocal agreement currently states the City will pay 100 percent for the building addition, however, original discussions between the

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9-1-1 Committees stated the building addition would be paid 40 percent by Cumberland County and 60 percent by the City. Mr. Hewett also stated the addition will house both City and County employees.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin asked what the Council would like to send as a response to the County.

Discussion ensued.

The Council identified the following items to be sent back to the County:

- Remove the depreciation and buyout clause.
- A longer lease term to 20 years.
- One year after full occupation from collocation to consolidation of services.
- Operate at the accreditation standards of the City or higher.
- For the first five years under consolidation, the City will run the facility.

Mr. Hewett stated the following language might best present to the County all of the requests from the City: The City and County through all the whereas clauses and through mutual consent agree that collocation benefits both bodies, but understanding collocation is a step toward full consolidation. This agreement says that we will move to full consolidation within one year of occupancy of the joint facility, with the County the lead agency, or to be determined, based upon an accreditation standard that is the same or higher than the what the City currently operates at.

Consensus of the Council was to send back the items listed above to the County.

4.2 Agenda Review

This item was not presented or discussed.

4.3 Wrap-up of Changes to the Recommended Budget

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated tonight staff is hopeful to do a wrap up of issues heard from Council. Three major areas were presented during small group meetings as well as at the previous budget work sessions which were Parking, Solid Waste, Stormwater, and the associated impacts on the General Fund.

Parking Fund

Mr. Lee Jernigan, City Traffic Engineer, and Ms. Kelly Olivera, Budget and Evaluation Deputy Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation on the next fiscal year's parking operations. Mr. Jernigan stated staff understands that there has been a request to extend enforcement hours to encourage turnover. Starting July 2019, enforcement hours would increase to Monday to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with on-street still being free but time limited and off-street paid. Special events collection will begin two hours prior to the event at the rate of \$5.00. Beginning January 2020 on-street and off-street parking will be paid.

Ms. Olivera stated she would present FY 2021 data first because FY 2020 is the transition year. Ms. Olivera presented a slide showing preliminary projections for FY 2021 if the recommended parking operations plan was implemented which showed \$280,000.00 in estimated

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net proceeds. Ms. Olivera stated for FY 2020 utilizing the proposed parking operations would change what was previously provided in the budget book. A spreadsheet was displayed in the presentation that detailed the dollar amounts and revised assumptions to the previously provided budget. Mr. Hewett stated this recommendation is based on the results from the parking study that was completed earlier in the year.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Council was to direct staff to move forward with the recommended parking options as presented.

Solid Waste Fund

Ms. Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director, presented with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation the changes in the Solid Waste Fund budget for FY 2020. Ms. Broyles stated Council already provided direction to maintain the residential solid waste fee of \$190.00 as opposed to the \$205.00 that was proposed. A spreadsheet was displayed in the presentation that detailed the changes in dollar amounts as a result of Council choosing to not increase the solid waste fee and how to fill the gap in funding.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Council was to direct staff to move forward with the Solid Waste Fund Budget Changes. Council Member Waddell was not in agreement of the consensus.

Stormwater Fund

Ms. Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director, presented with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation the changes for the Stormwater Fund Budget Changes for FY 2020. Ms. Broyles stated at the June work session the policy and projects discussion that will be addressed with the stormwater fund budget. Ms. Broyles stated Council could decide to use \$800,000.00 from the stormwater fund balance to add for projects in the coming year so that after the policy decisions are made the money would be available from small projects. A spreadsheet was displayed in the presentation that detailed the changes in dollar amount.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of Council was to put in a place holder for the \$1 million proposal as presented and appropriate the fund balance after the policy discussion at the June 3, 2019, work session.

General Fund

Ms. Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director, presented with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation the changes for the FY 2020 general fund budget. To close the fund gap, funds were taken from the elimination of a new Assistant Fire Chief position, finding fuel savings cost returns from the wex card program, and fleet maintenance.

Mr. Hewett stated if Council chooses to fund the position next fiscal year, there is a real possibility of a structural deficit.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Council was to direct the City Manager to fund the new Assistant Fire Chief position.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.