

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
JUNE 14, 2023
12 NOON**

Present: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 12:38 p.m.); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Derrick Thompson (District 6) (departed at 2:14 p.m.); Brenda McNair (District 7) (departed at 1:50 p.m.); Council Member Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (departed at 2:23 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin and Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Dawkins (District 5)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Chief of Staff
Kemberle Braden, Police Chief
Mike Hill, Fire Chief
Kimberly Leonard, Budget and Evaluation Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Lachelle Pulliam, Assistant City Attorney
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director
Tyffany Neal, Transit Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Ingram.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by City Council.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member McNair

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Operating and Capital Budget

Mr. Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the budget Group # 2 questions submitted by the Mayor and Council members and provided the responses from staff.

Mr. Yates then presented items from the City Manager's recommended FY 2023-2024 annual operating and capital budget. He provided a review of the 2022 General Obligation Bond Funding Plan and the impact of possible vehicle tax on the bond tax rate. He also provided a review of ARPA Programs and Funding, the Capital Improvement Plan funding discussion, Review of Projected Fund Balance, Strategic Process for the three years, and Review of Parking Lot Items.

City Council members present took a consensus vote on the Parking Lot items to include them in the recommended annual budget for FY 2023-2024:

Consensus to appropriate an additional \$250,000.00 to the Cape Fear Regional Theatre proposed expansion.

Consensus to appropriate \$350,000.00 to the Glennville Lake Walking Trail.

Consensus to appropriate \$75,000.00 to the Phoenix Rape Crisis Center for a Contract for Service.

Consensus to appropriate \$250,000.00 for the initiation of an Office of Community Safety. Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, asked the Council members to provide feedback on this item; what this means, and where do you want it to go.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin requested funding for a Homeless Shelter and an Emergency Day Resource Center, both requests received no support from Council.

Consensus to increase the vehicle tax by \$20.00, to a total of \$30.00.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the next budget meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023, at 12 noon.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.