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Ward 1 – Jarred Rego

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Ward 3 – Lavon Morton

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At-Large Position 5 – Robyn Dawson

At-Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 – Neal Martin

AGENDA ~ Summary

Fort Smith Board of Directors

STUDY SESSION

March 30, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Fort Smith Convention Center

55 South 7th Street

Exhibit Halls A1 & A2

THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/XqbsvFPFpS>

CALL TO ORDER

- All physically present
- Vice-Mayor Jarred Rego presiding

1. Items related to Community Development:

- A. Review process regarding 5 Year Consolidated Plan for CDBG and HOME Programs ~ *Requested at the November 13, 2018 study session; Deferred from August 26, 2019 strategic workshop ~ (CDBG)*
Review by Director of Community Development Matt Jennings. It was suggested that all funds for homeless services be transitioned to services provided at Hope Campus.
- B. Review project funding recommendations by the Community Development Advisory Committee for Year 47 CDBG and Year 28 HOME Investment Partnership Programs (CDBG)
Morton/Settle placed a resolution on the May 4, 2021 regular meeting to approve funding recommendations. A request that case management for transitional housing be removed from funding considerations was extended; however, staff recommended the process be allowed to proceed with said funding included and if such is still desired, a motion to amend the resolution can be offered at the May 4, 2021 regular meeting.

2. Overview of May Branch drainage issues *(Engineering)*
Review only provided by Director of Engineering Stan Snodgrass.

3. Discussion regarding taxicab rates and regulations *(Administration)*

After lengthy discussion, Directors Martin & Rego concurred to the following:

a. Remove following item from the April 6, 2021 regular meeting:

Ordinance repealing Sections 26-32 and 26-33 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code regarding taxicab fares ~ Martin/Rego placed on future agenda at the February 9, 2021 study session ~ (Administration)

b. Add the following items to the April 20, 2021 regular meeting agenda as options for Board consideration:

1. Ordinance to increase taxicab rates as requested by Payless Taxi, LLC
2. Ordinance to repeal Sections 26-32, 26-36, and 26-48; and, amend Section 26-34 regarding taxicab services

Note: Administrator Geffken noted that “subject to further review” of Chapter 26 in the Fort Smith Municipal Code (FSMC), other sections may also require repeal or modification to accomplish the recommended deregulation of taxicabs, i.e. Board approval for new taxicab operators and setting of rates charged. There was no Board objection conveyed for the inclusion of other sections in need of repeal or modification as aforementioned.

4. Review preliminary agenda for the April 6, 2021 regular meeting

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7:49 p.m.