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Ward 1 – Jarred Rego

Ward 2 – Andre' Good

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

January 11, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Blue Lion

101 North 2nd Street / Room B

THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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

CALL TO ORDER

- All physically present
- Mayor George McGill presiding

1. Annual compliance of Act 235 of 2015 to assemble and organize the governing body of the City of Fort Smith for 2022 (*Administration*)
There were no recommended amendments to the City of Fort Smith's procedural ordinance.
2. Discuss Cell A-6 construction and associated improvements at the Fort Smith Sanitary Landfill ~ *Placed on future study session at May 11, 2021 regular meeting / Continued to future study session at July 27, 2021 study session ~ (Solid Waste Services)*
Presentation only. A resolution authorizing a contract for such is anticipated to be presented for Board approval at the February 1, 2022 regular meeting.
3. Discussion regarding the 5% local bidder preference policy ~ *Requested at the July 27, 2021 study session ~ (Finance)*
There was no objection to the 5% local bidder preference policy; however, the Board encouraged Administration to review potential amendments to the policy including expanded notification, that would attract more bidders for various projects.

4. Review preliminary agenda for the January 18, 2022 regular meeting

OTHER

1. Regarding renewal of the 0.25% sales and use tax for parks and fire department purposes, and the 0.75% sales and use tax for other purposes, the Board requested sales tax presentation meetings be scheduled in each ward to present factual information and obtain citizen input; that such be scheduled each Thursday evening beginning Thursday, January 20, 2022; and, that such be held at the following locations:
 - University of Arkansas–Fort Smith Reynolds Room (*in conjunction with the scheduled Ward 1 Neighborhood Meeting on January 27, 2022*)
 - Elm Grove Community Center
 - Fort Smith Senior Center
 - East Side Baptist Church
 - Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE)
2. Administrator Geffken
 - A. Advised of a potential relocation site for the dog park, i.e. 22 acres near the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority offices.
 - B. Noted the new “CDL rule” that has been postponed for a few years could go into effect soon. Such will impact the timeliness of employees obtaining their CDL; therefore, he conveyed much assurance that the City is taking all necessary steps to address the matter.
3. Director Rego
Recommended the Planning Commission meetings be live-streamed. Such led to brief discussion regarding needed improvements at the Blue Lion to accommodate multiple meetings whereby Administrator Geffken advised said improvements are already being considered and initiated.

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7:06 p.m.