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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
SPECIAL MEETING & STUDY SESSION
February 22, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Blue Lion
101 North 2nd Street**

THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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SPECIAL MEETING

ROLL CALL

- All physically present with the exception of Director Andre’ Good and Robyn Dawson, who present via electronic means
- Mayor George McGill presiding

PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

(Section 2-37 of Ordinance No. 24-10)

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Resolution approving automobile and property insurance coverage for the City’s fleet and buildings for 2022 – 2023 ~ *Settle/Dawson placed on agenda at the February 8, 2022 study session / Temporarily laid aside at the February 15, 2022 regular meeting ~ (Finance)*
DEFEATED 2 in favor (Settle, Martin), 5 opposed (Rego, Good, Morton, Catsavis, Dawson)

ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD:

Resolution approving property insurance coverage for the City's buildings for 2022-2023 (*Travelers Insurance*)

APPROVED 5 in favor (Rego, Good, Morton, Catsavis, Dawson), 2 opposed (Settle, Martin) / Resolution No. R-29-22

Resolution approving auto insurance coverage for the City's fleet for 2022-2023 (*Arkansas Municipal League*)

APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-30-22

2. Items regarding continuation of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) Sales and Use Tax for fire department and parks and recreation department purposes (*Administration*)
 - A. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2-12 in order to extend the levy, from September 30, 2022 to September 30, 2032, of the one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) Sales and Use Tax within the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas levied thereby, the net collections of which are to be used as follows: 50% of net collections for Fire Department purposes and 50% of net collections for Parks and Recreation purposes; and prescribing other matters relating thereto
APPROVED as revised and amended to reduce the term to 8 years - 5 in favor (Morton, Catsavis, Dawson, Settle, Martin), 2 opposed (Rego, Good) / Ordinance No. 18-22
 - B. Ordinance referring Ordinance No ____ (Item 2A) to the voters at a special election called for May 24, 2022; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto
APPROVED as revised and amended to reduce the term to 8 years – 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 19-22
3. Items regarding three-fourths of one-percent (0.75%) Sales and Use Tax for police department and sewer Consent Decree purposes (*Administration*)
 - A. Ordinance providing for the levy of a three-fourths of one percent (0.75%) Sales and Use Tax within the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas for a period of ten (10) years; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto
APPROVED as revised and amended to reduce the term to 8 years - 5 in favor (Morton, Catsavis, Dawson, Settle, Martin), 2 opposed (Rego, Good) / Ordinance No. 20-22
 - B. Ordinance calling a special election in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas on the question of levying a three-fourths of one percent (0.75%) Sales and Use Tax within the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas for a period of ten (10) years; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto
APPROVED as revised and amended to reduce the term to 8 years – 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 21-22

ADJOURN
7:33 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (Approximately 7:34 p.m.)

1. Review City of Fort Smith property owner notification practices ~ *Director Rego requested at the June 1, 2021 regular meeting ~ (Planning)*
The Board requested larger signage with larger text advising information is available on the City's website, and that notice be provided to those impacted by roadway, utility, etc. projects.
2. Discussion regarding Planning Commission appeal process ~ *Settle/Dawson placed on future study session at the January 4, 2022 regular meeting ~ (Planning)*
Settle/Rego/Martin requested initiation of an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) that will require study session review of all Planning Commission appeals prior to formal consideration.
3. Discuss maintenance of non-City property ~ *Settle/Martin placed on future study session agenda at November 4, 2021 Budget Hearing ~ (Streets)*
Settle/Martin placed a resolution directing Street Department staff to cease maintaining non-City property on the March 15, 2022 regular meeting
4. Review City of Fort Smith Sidewalk Program ~ *Requested for future study session at the November 4, 2021 Budget Hearing ~ (Streets)*
The Board requested a list of completed sidewalk projects, and urged staff advise if additional funding is necessary to complete new sidewalks in areas of dire need. There was brief discussion regarding the Fort Smith Municipal Code (FSMC) that permits developers to "opt out" of including sidewalks in developments; however, no formal placement to amend said option was offered, only that a copy of the subject FSMC be provided to the Board.
5. Review preliminary agenda for the March 1, 2022 regular meeting

ADJOURN

8:01 p.m.