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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

March 29, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Blue Lion

101 North 2nd Street

THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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

CALL TO ORDER

- All physically present, except Director Dawson who was present via electronic means
 - Mayor George McGill presiding
1. Discuss penalties for non-compliance with Entertainment District regulations ~ *Dawson/Settle placed on future study session at the January 4, 2022 regular meeting ~ (Administration)*
Discussion only – no recommendation for amendment offered
 2. Annual Future Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan Update (*Planning*)
Presentation by John Cooley, Chair of the Future Fort Smith Committee (FFS) – The Board recommended the FFS coordinate with Neighborhood Services to consider or determine options to better address blighted areas and properties.

Martin/Settle placed an item on a future study session requesting representatives from the Arkansas Department of Transportation present an update regarding future projects in Fort Smith

3. Annual review of Board Best Practices documents ~ *Deferred from the March 8, 2022 study session ~ (Administration)*
Review only – no recommendation for amendment offered
4. Review preliminary agenda for the April 5, 2022 regular meeting

OTHER

- Rego/Good placed an item on a future study session agenda “as soon as possible” to provide an update regarding property maintenance and Building Code violations at 3600 Kinkead Avenue, as well as review of Chapter 16 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code
- Morton/Catsavis placed presentations regarding departmental needs and impact of renewal of 0.25% Sales and Use Tax for Fire and Parks Department purposes, and potential continuation of the 0.75% Sales and Use Tax for Police and Consent Decree purposes on future study sessions prior to the May 24, 2022 special election
- Director Settle
 1. Provided an update regarding several topics presented at the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference held March 25, 26 and 27, 2022 in Little Rock
 2. Requested recognition of Fort Smith graduates currently playing for the University of Arkansas Razorback men’s basketball team be scheduled for a future meeting
- Mayor McGill
Simply noted that many residents of Fort Smith, who have moved away, are returning to Fort Smith.
- Administrator Geffken
 1. Advised there are multiple noteworthy items scheduled for consideration at the April 5, 2022 regular meeting.
 2. Announced an offer has been extended for the Mobility Coordinator position
 3. Regarding the upcoming transition to Granicus, specifically the govMeetings portion which will require a change in agenda processes, he noted that agenda packets can be quite large; therefore, he inquired if the Board desires the same level of detail in future agenda packets.

Directors Rego, Morton, and Martin all extended their preference that the same level of detail be included in agenda packets upon transition to Granicus govMeetings.

ADJOURN
7:01 p.m.