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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

April 12, 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 (*Director Good arrived during discussion of Item No. 1*)
- Mayor George McGill presiding

1. Update regarding water leak adjustment policy ~ *Catsavis/Morton placed on future study session at October 19, 2021 regular meeting; Discussed at February 8, 2022 study session – Board proposed amendments to policy and requested such be presented at a future study session ~ (Utility)*
Dawson/Catsavis placed item on April 19, 2022 regular meeting agenda
2. Review proposed amendments to the utility assistance program known as Project Concern (*Utility*)
Settle/Catsavis placed item on May 17, 2022 regular meeting agenda

Director Morton also requested a study session be scheduled to discuss options to better communicate to residents the available assistance from the City and various other agencies. Administrator Geffken confirmed such will be scheduled as requested.

3. Items regarding property maintenance ~ *Rego/Good placed on future study session "as soon as possible" at the March 29, 2022 study session ~ (Building Services)*
 - A. Update regarding property maintenance and Building Code violations at 3600 Kinkead Avenue
The Board concurred that both environmental abatement and demolition should be accomplished; however, concern was expressed with the demolition cost, which bids received thus far range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1 million. City staff have initiated condemnation action whereby an ordinance to require demolition of structures could be presented at the May 17, 2022 regular meeting. It's preferred that the City acquire the property prior to the demolition; however, since foreclosure action has been initiated by the mortgage holder, staff was directed to contact the mortgage holder to discuss the matter.
 - B. Review provisions of Chapter 16 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code (*Nuisances - Care of Premises, Inspection, Abatement, etc.*)
No recommended amendments were requested; however, it was requested that the process to demolish unsafe structures be expedited.
4. Review preliminary agenda for the April 19, 2022 regular meeting
Administrator Geffken provided an update on multiple items, specifically denoting that an agreement for animal shelter services with Fort Smith Animal Haven, formerly Kitties and Kanines, will also be included on the agenda.

OTHER

Director Martin requested an update regarding Kitties and Kanines shelter activities be scheduled for a future study session. Administrator Geffken confirmed such will be scheduled as requested.

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7:43 p.m.