



**MAYOR**

George B. McGill

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Carl E. Geffken

**CITY CLERK**

Sherri Gard

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ward 1 – Jarred Rego

Ward 2 – Andre' Good

Ward 3 – Lavon Morton

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At-Large Position 5 – Christina Catsavis

At-Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 – Neal Martin

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## AGENDA ~ SUMMARY

**Fort Smith Board of Directors**

**STUDY SESSION**

**January 10, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Blue Lion**

**101 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

***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 2023 (*Administration*)  
There were no recommended amendments to the City of Fort Smith's procedural ordinance.
2. Quarterly update regarding status of water leaks ~ *Morton/Martin requested such be presented quarterly at the July 27, 2022 special study session/Mid-Year Budget Review ~ (Utility)*  
Detailed update only. No recommended action other than to better communicate to residents of the delay in repair, i.e. supply chain issues, lack of staffing, etc., and that water leaks are prioritized so major leaks will be repaired first.
3. Discuss continuation or amendment to Ward Neighborhood Meetings ~ *Catsavis/Martin placed on future study session agenda at the November 15, 2022 regular meeting ~ (Administration)*  
The Board concurred the current Ward Neighborhood Meeting setup is no longer productive citing minimal attendance by the public. It was noted that more staff was present than residents. In lieu of such, each director will instead individually schedule informal events to be more accessible to constituents. It was also noted

that the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator will always be in attendance to assist and provide staff information at the informal gatherings. Some of the suggestions were as follows:

- *Coffee with Your Director* at a coffee shop, city park, or other location with high resident traffic
- Only schedule like-Ward Neighborhood Meetings that focus more on topics of public interest rather than specific wards, and have only the respective department in attendance
- Directors should attend various public events, church services, civic group meetings, etc.

4. Review preliminary agenda for the January 17, 2023 regular meeting

#### **CITIZENS FORUM**

- Deana Griffith – Fort Smith Downtown Business Association

#### **ADJOURN**

7:57 p.m.