



**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

March 14, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Blue Lion

101 North 2nd Street

Fort Smith, Arkansas

**THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

- All physically present, except Director Jarred Rego who was absent
- Director Kevin Settle, presiding

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Annual review of Board Best Practices document *(City Administrator)*  
G.Catsavis/Martin placed ordinance on the March 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda to amend Section 6-4 to clarify that Board decisions are final unless changes in facts or circumstances arise that would prompt a different decision.
2. Review proposed amendments to the animal ordinance ~ *Settle, with Board concurrence, requested at the February 7, 2023 regular meeting ~ (City Administrator)*  
G.Catsavis/Martin placed ordinance on March 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda with multiple amendments recommended by various members of the Board.
3. Discuss cybersecurity insurance policy ~ *Martin/Settle placed on future study session at the November 1, 2022 regular meeting ~ (Information Technology)*  
Deferred to a future study session
4. Review preliminary agenda for the March 21, 2023 regular meeting *(City Clerk)*

## **CITIZENS FORUM**

Jesse Fenwick – Animals (Item 2)

Joni Rogers – Animals (Item 2)

Jayne Alford – Animals (Item 2)

Bennie Westphal – Animals (Item 2)

Dr. Randy Hubbs – Animals (Item 2)

Ramona Roberts – Animals (Item 2)

Bart Petray – Farmers Market, request for designation as Outdoor Community Center

Charles Hartgraves – Farmers Market (same as above)

Kathy Mazyck – Farmers Market (same as above)

## **OTHER**

### **Administrator Geffken**

1. Regarding Flags over Fort Smith, he advised the Board that a Senator contacted him and conveyed that unless the Board is willing to return the original flags, an amendment to the bill that prompted recent litigation regarding the matter will be filed along with a companion bill that would require city attorneys to be elected. Due to such and since the Board oversees what flags are placed on said flagpoles downtown, he inquired if the Board desires a resolution to change the existing flags be presented for consideration.

The Board members present conveyed much discontent with the proposition and concurred that a resolution should NOT be prepared and presented for consideration.

2. Regarding the Consent Decree, he advised a meeting with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is scheduled for April 13, 2023 in Dallas. As required by the recently approved resolution, he inquired which Director desires to be in attendance.

Since Director Rego was absent, the Board concurred to withhold determination until his return; however, it was suggested that Board member attendance be in order of position, i.e. Ward 1, Ward 2, etc.

### **Director Settle**

Announced that House Bill 1515, which amends Act 605 of 2021 concerning water systems, will be heard by the City, County and Local Affairs Committee tomorrow. He simply advised that such is a “*good bill*” and contains an exemption for municipalities under a federal Consent Decree.

### **Director Good**

Reminded all that Coffee with the Cops will be at the Farmers Market on March 25; therefore, he encouraged those interested in such to attend on said date.

## **ADJOURN**

7:58 p.m.