



MAYOR

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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 - Christina Catsavis

At-Large Position 6 - Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 - Neal Martin

AGENDA ~ SUMMARY

Fort Smith Board of Directors

STUDY SESSION

March 28, 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
- Vice-Mayor Jarred Rego presiding

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Annual report regarding Future Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan (*Planning & Zoning*) ♦
[Presentation only by John Cooley, Future Fort Smith Committee.](#)
2. Review proposed amendment to the Human Resources Policies for Non-Uniformed Employees regarding the Substance Abuse and Drug-Free Workplace Policy (*Human Resources*)
[Settle/Morton placed an ordinance authorizing the proposed amendments on the April 18, 2023 regular meeting agenda.](#)
3. Review staffing of the Water Utilities Department ~ *G.Catsavis/Martin placed on a future study session agenda at the January 17, 2023 regular meeting* ~ (*Water Utilities*)
[It was determined that staffing is an issue for both public and private employers; however, since the starting wage is an apparent issue, the Board is hopeful the forthcoming salary study, which is conducted every two \(2\) years, will assist in retaining employees.](#)
4. Discuss separating the Water Utilities Department into two (2) departments, i.e. Water Department and Wastewater Department ~ *G.Catsavis/Martin placed on a future study session agenda at the January 17, 2023 regular meeting* ~ (*City Administrator*)
[The Board concurred that separating the Water Utilities Department is not feasible.](#)

5. Review preliminary agenda for the April 4, 2023 regular meeting

OTHER

1. Settle/G.Catsavis requested an ordinance be presented for Board consideration to require submission of a development plan for all future requests for a Planned Zoning District (PZD).
2. Settle/G.Catsavis requested staff review potential height restrictions for construction in or around certain zoning classifications and present an ordinance authorizing same for Board consideration.

3. Director Morton

- a. Requested a Strategic Workshop be scheduled as soon as possible.
- b. Requested an update regarding amendments to the Voucher Program included in the recently adopted animal ordinance.

Administrator Geffken advised staff is already working on said amendment.

- c. Requested an update on the Consent Decree.

Administrator Geffken advised he, the Mayor, Director Rego, Lance McAvoy and the City's legal representation will be meeting with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), etc. in Dallas on April 13 to discuss Consent Decree modification.

ADJOURN

7:50 p.m.