



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

AGENDA ~ Summary

**Fort Smith Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Blue Lion
101 North 2nd Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas**

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INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation given by Director Andre' Good
Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Kevin Settle

ROLL CALL

All physically present
Vice-Mayor Jarred Rego presiding

PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

APPROVED as written

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Resolution naming the City of Fort Smith Fire Station located at 200 North 5th Street the *Philip P. Christensen Fire Station 1 (City Administrator)*
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-71-23

2. Resolution establishing a Sister City relationship with Torbole, Italy (*City Administrator*) ♦
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-72-23
3. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 85-11 and approving the Human Resources Policies for Non-Uniformed Employees relating to certain policies (*Substance Abuse and Drug Free Workplace Policy*) ~ *Settle/Morton placed on agenda at the March 28, 2023 study session ~ (Human Resources)*
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 41-23
4. Ordinance changing the date of the June 6, 2023 Board of Directors regular meeting to June 13, 2023 ~ *Settle/C.Catsavis placed on agenda at the April 4, 2023 regular meeting ~ (City Clerk)*
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 42-23
5. Resolution authorizing the City Administrator and designated agents to initiate a Utility Water Rate Study ~ *Morton/G.Catsavis placed on agenda at the February 14, 2023 study session ~ (Water Utilities)* ♦
APPROVED 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Settle) / Resolution No. R-73-23
6. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Burns and McDonnell for flow monitoring services (\$365,363.00 / Budgeted – Water Utilities - Excess Sales Tax Appropriation) (*Water Utilities*) ♦ ●
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-74-23
7. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Hawkins-Weir Engineering, Inc. for design of the Basin 10 and 14 Capacity Improvements, Phase 3 (\$144,300.00 / Budgeted – Water Utilities - Excess Sales Tax Appropriation) (*Water Utilities*) ♦ ●
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-75-23
8. Resolution authorizing partial payment to McKee Utility Contractors, Incorporated for the construction of Basin 10 and 14 Capacity Improvements (\$1,636,694.25 / Budgeted – Water Utilities - American Rescue Act Funds) (*Water Utilities*) ♦ ●
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-76-23
9. Consent Agenda
 - 9A. Resolution to accept the bid and authorize a contract for the Leigh Avenue Realignment, Project No. 22-00-A (\$2,031,326.60 / Budgeted – Engineering - Sales Tax Program) (*Engineering*) ♦
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-77-23
 - 9B. Resolution authorizing litigation regarding May Branch Outfall Culvert Replacement Project No. 12-06-E (*Engineering*)
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-78-23
 - 9C. Resolution accepting donations of real property interests for Chaffee Crossing Trail System, Segment Two (*Parks & Recreation*) ♦
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-79-23

- 9D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for Fort Smith Park (*Parks & Recreation*) ♦
APPROVED 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-80-23

OFFICIALS FORUM - presentation of information requiring no official action

- Mayor
- Directors
- City Administrator

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (*approximately 7:30 p.m.*)

- Appointment: **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**
Carolyn Mosley
Orval Smith
Terms expire March 31, 2029
- Appointment: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Ashlie Ross ~ *to fill the unexpired term of Claudia Bratcher* ~
Term expires June 30, 2024
- Appointment: **FORT SMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY**
Rick Foti (reappointed)
Term expires March 3, 2028
- Appointment: **HOUSING ASSISTANCE BOARD (2)**
Barbara Turner (reappointment)
Jim Rose (reappointment)
Terms expire April 30, 2025
- Appointment: **PLANNING COMMISSION (3)**
Kelly Wilson (reappointment)
Matt Marshall (reappointment)
Rod Coleman
Terms expire April 30, 2026
- Performance evaluation - City Administrator ~ *Directors Lavon Morton, Neal Martin, Andre' Good, and George Catsavis added to agenda on April 12, 2023* ~
Tabled 7 in favor 0 opposed to the May 2, 2023 regular meeting
- Performance evaluation - Internal Auditor ~ *Directors Lavon Morton, Neal Martin, Andre' Good, and George Catsavis added to agenda on April 12, 2023* ~
Tabled 7 in favor, 0 opposed to the May 2, 2023 regular meeting

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7:31 p.m.