



MAYOR

George B. McGill

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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 – Robyn Dawson

At-Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 – Neal Martin

AGENDA ~ Summary

Fort Smith Board of Directors

STUDY SESSION

February 9, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Fort Smith Convention Center

55 South 7th Street

Exhibit Halls A1 & A2

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. Review renewal of City fleet and property insurance (*March 2021 – February 2022*) (*Purchasing*)
Morton/Settle placed a resolution on the February 16, 2021 regular meeting agenda to continue coverage with Arkansas Municipal League.
2. Review request of Payless Taxi, LLC for taxicab rate increase (*Administration*)
Multiple directors expressed desire that the City of Fort Smith no longer set fares for taxicab operators whereby no objections were conveyed.
3. Discuss taxicab regulations in the city of Fort Smith ~ *Settle/Catsavis placed on future study session agenda at the February 2, 2021 regular meeting ~ (Administration)*
Martin/Rego placed an ordinance on a future agenda to repeal Sections 26-32 and 26-33 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code regarding taxicab fares, and to require posting of fares on taxicab vehicles.
4. Review preliminary agenda for the February 16, 2021 regular meeting

OTHER

Mayor McGill

1. Advised the Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council (CSCDC) is providing assistance to those impacted by COVID-19, as well as providing clothing for children in need of same.
2. Noted that COVID-19 vaccines are available and urged those who are eligible to receive the vaccine to take advantage of said availability, and make an appointment to be vaccinated.

Director Rego

Requested Police Chief Danny Baker publicly announce multiple open police officer positions within the Fort Smith Police Department.

Chief Baker confirmed the Fort Smith Police Department maintains several police officer vacancies and advised of starting salary, benefits, etc. He further encouraged all interested parties to apply.

Director Catsavis

Questioned the number of police officer vacancies within the Police Department.

Chief Baker advised the Police Department currently maintains 17 police officer vacancies; however, much assurance was conveyed that all available resources are being utilized to sustain police coverage throughout the city.

ADJOURN

6:48 p.m.