

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 29, 2021

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 29, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

The following were also present: Mr. David Thornell, Mr. Willie Ivey, Mrs. Cathy Robertson, Mrs. Kelley Kearney, Mrs. Donna Kerr, Ms. Valerie Branyon, Mrs. Deana Northam, Mr. Nathan Gann, Ms. Julia Miranda, Mr. Floyd Rodgers, Ms. Kathryn Stowe, Mrs. Holly Fisher and two others.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

Mayor Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Mayor Rod Northam and ACE Coordinator Daniel White reviewed with the Council the top eight priorities of the City's Strategic Plan.

Mr. White said the ACE program requires the City to update and implement its Strategic Plan in order to keep its designation as an ACE City. He reviewed the eight priorities. They are as follows:

- Business Development
 1. Identify properties for future industrial development and/or new spec. buildings and ensure adequate supportive infrastructure.
- Community Appearance & Aesthetics
 2. Increase regulation/enforcement of landlords who do not maintain their properties.
- Housing
 3. Provide diverse housing opportunities for young people and families.
- Infrastructure & Public Services
 4. Expand the network of trails for walking, hiking and biking.
 5. Develop an affordable and effective regional transportation service.
- Deliver Quality Government Services to Fayette Residents
 6. Utilize strategic annexation to expand the City's tax base.
- Community Leadership
 7. Engage young people in community initiatives and programs. (Mr. White stated he is already starting to develop the Junior City Council patterned on Montevallo's.)
 8. Reestablish and restructure the Leadership Fayette Adult Leadership Development Program. (ACE requirement)

Mayor Northam said it was important to have success with the goals set for implementing these priorities.

Mr. Willie Ivy stated the area on Highway 43 North of Walmart would be a good place for an industrial park and for future housing developments.

Mrs. Holly Fisher spoke about developing the old Fayette Square Shopping Center property.

Councilmember Nichols stated his number one priority was annexing property into the city limits.

Mrs. Kelley Kearney stated the Council should also focus on improving the local cell service.

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor spoke concerning the three mill tax for the volunteer fire departments.

Councilmember Campbell spoke concerning the importance of annexation. He stated Fayette is the only city of its size that has not annexed property in the last ten years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk