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FAYETTEVILLE-CUMBERLAND LIAISON COMMITTEE
HILLTOP HOUSE RESTAURANT – 1240 FT. BRAGG ROAD
JANUARY 8, 2015 – 11:30 A.M.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kenneth Edge, Board of Commissioners' Chairman
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Board of Commissioners' Vice
Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Nat Robertson
Jim Arp, Fayetteville City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Kady-Ann Davy

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitch Colvin, Fayetteville City Council
Amy Cannon, County Manager
James Lawson, Deputy County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Theodore L. Voorhees, City Manager
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Press

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Faircloth called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Arp provided the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Arp moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2014

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MOTION: Council Member Arp moved to approve the November 13, 2014 minutes.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.A. DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT 911 CALL CENTER

BACKGROUND PROVIDED BY COUNTY:

In the fall of 2014, Mission Critical Partners was contacted regarding a feasibility study for the purpose of providing information on a co-located 911 center or a consolidated center. The proposal from Mission Critical Partners was received in late October 2014.

The total proposed fee for phase 1 of a feasibility study is \$81,000. Phase 1 of the study includes assessment of technology, staffing, governance and cost sharing, facility needs and potential site(s) for the 911 center.

County management will present this topic to the county Finance Committee in February for guidance and permission to move forward and re-direct funds for phase 1 of the feasibility study.

Mayor Robertson stated he requested this item in the event the committee had interest in discussion and he felt others such as the Sheriff's Office and Ft. Bragg should probably be included. Mayor Robertson stated-Lt. General Joseph Anderson indicated there may be an opportunity for a joint venture and he would like to be included in the conversation.

Commissioner Faircloth referenced the background information as recorded above regarding the proposed feasibility study. Amy Cannon, County Manager, stated city and county staff met in the fall of 2014 to discuss the possibility of either co-locating or consolidating 911 centers and she felt it would be helpful to have an outside entity work with the city and the county to provide information on a consolidated center. Ms. Cannon stated it is believed there are opportunities for public safety efficiencies in operations, technology and staffing/ training. Ms. Cannon stated there is a potential that grant funds may be available from the N. C. E-911 Board and because their funding cycles are mainly in the spring timeframe, it may be worthy of consideration and in the city and county's best interest to reallocate funds and run the study before budget time. Commissioner Faircloth asked whether the proposal included Ft. Bragg.

Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, stated the proposal did not specifically include Ft. Bragg and to do so will involve a change of scope. Mr. Bauer stated there needs to be a facility needs analysis to support a consolidation which would involve the range of potential services. Mr. Bauer stated there is process to hire architects in this stage and this is the reason the city discussed using budgeted funds and then going through the process to select a consultant. Mr. Bauer stated Mission Critical Partners could be one of the

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consulting firms considered but the city's recommendation is to conduct a formal Request For Quote (RFQ) process before selecting a consultant as this would provide the opportunity to define the scope. Mr. Bauer stated recommendation is for an overall budget of \$100,000 in order to provide greater flexibility.

Theodore Voorhees, Fayetteville City Manager, stated Mission Critical Partners is the most predominant firm in the southeast and their proposal speaks to what is required to be successful in obtaining grant funding from the N. C. E-911 Board. Mr. Bauer stated there is a significant push for military PSAPs to be awarded funding from the N. C. E-911 Board although they are not currently eligible for that funding. Mr. Bauer stated Ft. Bragg has been working at the administrative level to get separate access to the funds so there is work to be done with Ft. Bragg at both the administrative and leadership levels.

Commissioner Faircloth and Council Member Arp offered comments in support of including Ft. Bragg in future discussions. Commissioner Faircloth asked that the city and county managers coordinate further talks prior to either board taking action. Commissioner Edge spoke to the need to expedite the process and communicate with Ft. Bragg to determine whether they want to be part of the consolidation.

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to grant permission for the managers to move forward as expeditiously as possible to pursue a merged/consolidated 911 Center.

SECOND: Mayor Robertson

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Council inquired regarding the inclusion of other municipalities. Ms. Cannon stated Hope Mills and Spring Lake are part of the county's system. Commissioner Faircloth suggested that the city and county managers include Hope Mills and Spring Lake in future talks for informational purposes. Commissioner Council inquired regarding the City Council's involvement. Mr. Voorhees stated his initial thought was to include this in the budget process but if the county was prepared to move more quickly, he would work with his staff to pull together the city's half of the funding and speak with the City Council at its February work session.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

6.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Council Member Arp provided an update on the organization of the committee to look into the installation of synthetic turf on high school football fields and tracks and stated his intent is to have a draft concept ready for the March meeting of the Fayetteville-Cumberland Liaison Committee.

Mr. Bauer stated the final pieces of the red light camera initiative should be completed within the next week or two and July 1 is the hard target date to have the cameras operational in the city. Mr. Bauer stated American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) has been selected as the vendor; the focus has been ten cameras but there will be flexibility in the

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contract to add cameras as the project moves forward. Mr. Bauer stated the cost per ticket will be just under \$40 and appeals will be adjudicated by ATS employees and individuals at the local level.

Mayor Robertson stated the Youth Council has had two meetings with approximately 120 students at the first meeting and 106 students at the second meeting representing all but one high school in the county. Mayor Robertson stated at its January 20 meeting, the Youth Council will elect officers and programs will include mentoring or shadowing elected officials. Commissioner Council asked that Youth Council meetings not be held on dates when the Board of Commissioners' hold their regularly scheduled meetings. Mayor Robertson asked Mr. Bauer to pass this along.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board