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9/11 ATTACKS

Victim's Sister Reacts To Death

BIN LADEN KILLING RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT REPRISALS

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Alyson Low began sobbing with relief when she heard U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden.

The Fayetteville resident's sister, Sara Low, was an attendant on hijacked Flight 11 that slammed into one of the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001, killing her and all on board.

"He took my sister's life, and he needed to pay," Low said Monday.

A self-described news junkie, Low said she was watching cable news at home late Sunday when broadcasters broke in to say President Obama would speak to the nation in minutes. She watched as

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the president, in a rare Sunday night address, declared U.S. operatives killed the al-Qaida leader in a raid on his compound in Pakistan.

Low said the intensity of her emotions caught her off-guard.

"I began to cry out of relief," she said. "My reaction was more intense

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STAFF PHOTO SARAH BENTHAM

Alyson Low stands for a portrait in Fayetteville on Monday. Low's sister, Sara, was a flight attendant who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY



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Pedestrians walk along Dickson Street at the University of Arkansas on Monday during a rainstorm. The National Weather Service is calling for clear skies with temperatures in the mid-60s today.

Panel Recommends Updated Plan Tech Director Wants To Add Positions

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FAYETTEVILLE — It's not always explicitly followed, but the city's long-range planning document, City Plan 2025, comes up nearly every time the Planning Commission or City Council considers new construction in Fayetteville.

A question routinely asked at the onset of any project is "How does this fit with the City Plan?"

"It's really what the commission and council use when you look at land-use decisions," Jesse Fulcher, a city planner, recently told the commission. "When you look at rezoning actions and annexations, when you look at those policy changes, this is one of the primary documents that you look at."

Five years after first being adopted, the nearly 200-page document, along with its accompanying Master Street Plan and Future Land Use Map, is being updated, as required by state law.

On Monday, commissioners gave their final recommendation to the City Council on a revised City Plan 2030.

The new document has been talked about for months and has been drafted using input from city

AT A GLANCE
CITY PLAN 2030

City Plan 2030, as recommended Monday by the Fayetteville Planning Commission, sets six overarching goals for future land use in the city. Those goals are:

- Make appropriate infill and revitalization our highest priorities;
- Discourage suburban sprawl
- Make traditional town form the standard
- Grow a livable transportation network
- Assemble an enduring green network and
- Create opportunities for attainable housing.

For more information or to view a full copy of City Plan 2030, go to www.accessfayetteville.org.

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residents, staff members in the Development Services Department and the Planning Commission.

The overall goals of the plan remain unchanged.

Like City Plan 2025, it seeks to discourage suburban sprawl, establish a broader transit network, preserve natural areas throughout Fayetteville and promote attainable housing by envisioning future zoning designations, spelling out where future roads will go and identifying what areas would be ripe for new neighborhoods.

Notable changes to the document include allowing planning staff to

proactively catalog properties in the city with rezoning potential and encouraging clustered subdivisions with smaller lot sizes.

"The days are not over that we will see the large homes and the large lots," Fulcher said. "But the market is starting to increase as far as a smaller footprint and a smaller lot."

The updated plan also maps out and attempts to preserve a network of natural areas that connect green space and parks throughout the city, and envisions an expanded local

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FAYETTEVILLE — Washington County's antiquated computerized network is at a crisis that will cost the county more than a quarter-million dollars to pay for six new information technology employees, administrators said.

County Judge Marilyn Edwards and John Adams, IT director, asked the Quorum Court's Personnel Committee on Monday to approve three new computer technicians, a computer programmer and two network/computer administrators that could cost \$316,328 to fund.

Adams said he did not know how much it would cost the county in software and equipment to update hundreds of county computers. He does not have the time to put together the cost estimate, given the size and workload of his three-person department, he said.

Today, Adams supervises two employees and is waiting for a fourth to be hired. That fourth position was approved by the Quorum Court last month. One of Adam's employees is on medical

leave and is out for an unknown amount of time, Adams said.

The fourth person, yet to be hired, will mostly work with the county assessor's computers because the position will be funded by the assessor's budget.

"If we make a wrong decision, I'll stand behind it to make the right decision," Adams said. "So if we made the wrong decision to hire too many people, I'll be the first to recognize that and be able to take appropriate action."

Staff productivity is hindered by the old computers, Edwards wrote in a memo to the Quorum Court dated last Friday. Assessor Jeff Williams said last month slow computers affect services to taxpayers that visit his office. Almost one in three county computers use antiquated Microsoft software that can no longer be updated.

Convincing the full Quorum Court might take more work than what was presented to the committee Monday, despite the five-person committee's unanimous

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