



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in the City Hall and was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Bill Jors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation by Andrew R. Frounfelker, 5th Ward City Councilmember.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Bill Jors, Councilmembers Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Daniel P. Greer, Craig Pappin, Andrew R. Frounfelker, and Derek J. Dobies.

Also present: City Manager Patrick Burtch, City Attorney Bethany Smith, City Treasurer/Clerk Andrew J. Wrozek, Jr., City Assessor David Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Elmer Hitt, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Jennifer Morris, and Assistant City Manager/Operations Jonathan Greene.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt the Agenda. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried. Motion to amend the motion to add two items under new business: I. Revision to ERS Board of Trustee Composition (Section 2-528) and J. Revision to Code of Ordinances. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried. Agenda was adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Public comment time was opened. Comments were heard and the meeting resumed.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION (Accept & Place on File):

A. Board of Review Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Receive and place on file the July 19, 2016, Board of Review meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Greer to accept and place on file. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. HRC Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Receive and place on file the May 18, 2016, Human Relations Commission meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Frounfelker to accept and place on file. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016:

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 12, 2016.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 27, 2016:

Approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting of July 27, 2016.

C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 9, 2016:

Approve the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of August 9, 2016.

D. DDA Resignation:

Receipt with regret the resignation of Raymond James Stovall (Midtown President) from the Downtown Development Authority.

E. Human Relations Commission Appointment:

Mayor's recommendation to appoint Melissa Morse to the Human Relations Commission filling a current vacancy beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2016, in accordance with the Human Relations Commission recommendation.

F. Human Relations Commission Ex-Officio:

Receipt and place on file the Human Relations Commission appointment of Hassan Ahmad as ex-officio (non-voting member).

- G. Public Arts Commission Ex-Officio:**
Receipt and place on file the Public Arts Commission appointment of Melissa Morse as ex-officio (voting member), beginning immediately and ending June 22, 2019.
- H. Public Arts Commission Resignation:**
Receipt with regret the resignation of Janet Meyer-Jackman from the Public Arts Commission effective September 1, 2016.
- I. Jackson County Land Bank Authority:**
Approval and confirmation of the Mayor's recommendation to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners the reappointment of City Councilmember Andrew R. Frounfelker, to the Jackson County Land Bank Authority for a four-year term beginning November 1, 2016, and ending October 31, 2020.
- J. Race to Health:**
Approve a request from Henry Ford Allegiance Health to conduct its 31st Annual Race to Health event on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., near Henry Ford Allegiance Health.
- K. Stomp Out Suicide:**
Approve a request from Jackson County Suicide Prevention Coalition to conduct its Stomp Out Suicide event on Thursday, September 22, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson, and Horace Blackman Park.
- L. A Walk Through Jackson's Past, A Guided Tour through Mt. Evergreen Cemetery:**
Approve a request from the Jackson District Library to conduct its, A Walk Through Jackson's Past, A Guided Tour Through Mt. Evergreen Cemetery event on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery.
- M. Public Rosary:**
Approve a request from Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church to conduct its 10th Annual Public Rosary event on Sunday, October 9, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Horace Blackman Park.
- N. Blue Mass:**
Approve a request from St. Mary Star of the Sea Church to conduct its Blue Mass event on Sunday, November 13, 2016, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the 100 block of East Wesley.

- O. CDBG and HOME Financial Statements through June 30, 2016:**
Receive the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Financial Summaries through June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Greer to approve the Consent Calendar. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Recess as City Council and convene as a Board of Review.

Mayor Jors received a motion to close the regular City Council Meeting and convene as a Board of Review by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dobies. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- A. Special Assessment Roll No. 4268, Meterless Parking:**
Public hearing on Special Assessment Roll No. 4268 for Meterless Parking 2016-2017.

No comments.

Adjourn as a Board of Review and reconvene as City Council.

Mayor Jors received a motion to adjourn as Board of Review and reconvene as City Council by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Jors opened the Public Hearing for Item B and opened the Public Hearing on Item C for comments.

- B. Alley Vacation Request by Sean Ketchens:**
Public hearing on the request to vacate a portion of the alley between Mansion Street and Prospect Street.

No comments.

- C. Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application:**
Public hearing to seek input on the requested nine (9) year Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for 209 West Louis Glick Highway (Detroit Entrepreneur Development, LLC).

Comments were received.

Mayor Jors made the motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Pappin. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Meterless Parking Resolution.

Recommendation: Resolution confirming Meterless Parking Assessment Roll No 4268.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Dobies to approve the resolution. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Resolution - Alley Vacation requested by Sean Ketchens.

Recommendation: Resolution approving the alley vacation for a portion of the alley between Mansion Street and Prospect Street.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the resolution. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Amendment 1 to the 2015 Parking Lot Engineering Contract.

Recommendation: Approve Amendment 1 to the contract for 2015 Parking Lot Engineering with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (FTC&H), Novi, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$15,000.00, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to sign the contract documents.

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dobies to approve the contract. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Addendum to Parking Permit Purchase Agreement between the City and Detroit Entrepreneur Development, LLC.

Recommendation: Approve an Addendum to a Parking Permit Purchase Agreement between the City of Jackson and Detroit Entrepreneur, LLC, authorize the City Manager to sign the Addendum, and authorize the City

Attorney to make minor modifications and take all other actions necessary to finalize the Addendum.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Frounfelker to approve the addendum. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution - Accepting a Grant from the MDNR - Trail Construction: New Leaf Park to Park Road.

Recommendation: Resolution to accept a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, along with the City of Jackson contribution, for trail construction from the New Leaf Park to Park Road, and authorize the Mayor and City Treasurer/Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the resolution. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Resolution - Accepting a Grant from the MDNR - Trail Construction: Martin Luther King Center to Consumers Energy.

Recommendation: Resolution to accept a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, along with the City of Jackson contribution, for trail construction from Martin Luther King Center to Consumers Energy, and authorize the Mayor and City Treasurer/Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the resolution. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Resolution - Commercial Rehabilitation District Fees.

Recommendation: Resolution establishing District creation and Tax Abatement Application fees for various tax abatements offered by the City of Jackson.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Greer to approve the resolution. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Resolution - Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate.

Recommendation: Resolution for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application for Detroit Entrepreneur Development, LLC, located at 209 W. Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, MI.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Greer for discussion. Voted to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for nine (9) years. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Revisions to the AHB Ordinance (First Reading).

Recommendation: Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2.5, City Code, to modernize the provisions used to regulate the Administrative Hearings Bureau.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Greer to approve the ordinance and move to the second reading. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. 2016 Pavement Marking Contract.

Recommendation: Award the 2016 Pavement Marking contract to RS Contracting, Casco, Michigan, at a cost of \$59,944.50, and authorize the Mayor and City Treasurer/Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

G. Patrol Vehicles - Jackson Police Department.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of four patrol utility vehicles through the MiDeal contract in the amount of \$106,700.00 from the Fiscal Year 2016/17 General Fund budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dobies to approve. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

H. Development Agreement to Rehabilitate 134 Francis Street & Its Associated Properties.

Recommendation: Authorize signing the Development Agreement (i.e., appeal by the applicant) to rehabilitate 134 Francis Street and its associated properties to avoid demolition as upheld by the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals on April 28, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

I. Revision to ERS Board of Trustees Composition (Section 2-528).

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Pappin to approve the ordinance and move to the second reading. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

J. Revision of Code of Ordinances (Section 2-541) to add requirement that requests for proposals be solicited and received every 5 years for fund managers for all pension plans.

Motion was made by Councilmember Frounfelker, seconded by Councilmember Greer to approve the ordinance and move to the second reading. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin, Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss collective bargaining and a written legal opinion:

Motion was made by Councilmember Greer, seconded by Councilmember Dobies to suspend Open Session and go into Executive Session. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin and Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Pappin to return to Open Session. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Jors, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Greer, Pappin and Frounfelker, and Dobies (7). Nays: none.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being presented, motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Motion carried. Mayor Jors closed the meeting at 8:37 p.m.