



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifth Ward Councilmember Kelsey Heck offered a poem by Emily Dickenson in celebration of the changing of the seasons.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Councilmembers Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Craig Pappin, Kelsey Heck, and Colleen Sullivan.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Patrick Burtch, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Attorney Bethany Smith, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Development Jennifer Morris, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, and Deputy Director of Fire Services David Wooden.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing on a State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant for a MLK Center Kitchen.

Public Hearing on the application to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant for a MLK Kitchen Project.

1. *Approve a Resolution to apply for a Passport Grant to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a MLK Kitchen, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the resolution. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing on State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for a MLK Equality Trail Lighting Project.

Public Hearing on the application to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for a MLK Equality Trail Lighting Project from Prospect Street to Weatherwax Road.

1. *Approve a Resolution to apply for a Trust Fund grant to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a MLK Equality Trail Lighting Project from Prospect Street to Weatherwax Road, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the resolution. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. CDBG and HOME Financial Summaries through February 28, 2019.

Accept and place on file the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Financial Summaries through February 28, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to accept and place on file. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019:**
Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 12, 2019.
- B. Environmental Commission Reappointment:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Elody Samuelson and Thomas Heise to the Environmental Commission for a three year term each, beginning May 30, 2019, and ending May 29, 2022.
- C. Local Development Finance Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Steven Duke to the Local Development Finance Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a four-year term, beginning June 4, 2019, and ending June 3, 2023.
- D. Pinwheels for Prevention:**
Approve a request from the Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect to conduct their annual Pinwheels for Prevention event on April 8, 2019, at 10 a.m. in Austin Blair Park.
- E. 15th Annual Art, Beer and Wine Festival:**
Approve a request from Ella Sharp Museum to conduct their 15th annual Art, Beer and Wine Festival event on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Ella Sharp Museum.
- F. Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:**
Approve a request from Experience Jackson to conduct the Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament event on July 25th at 5 p.m. to July 28, 2019, at 4 p.m. on Michigan Ave., Jackson Street, Pearl St.
- G. Rose City Criterium:**
Approve a request from Cameron Kohn to conduct their Rose City Criterium event on August 10, 2019, in the streets of downtown Jackson.
- H. Jackson Pride Parade and Festival:**
Approve a request from Jackson Pride Center to conduct their Jackson Pride Parade and Festival event on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Horace Blackman Park and CP Federal City Square.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve the consent calendar. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Request to Move Forward with a Historical Marker Application and Location to Honor the Anti-Slavery activities in the City of Jackson, and Placement of a Marker at Bucky Harris Park.**

Recommendation: *Approve the City of Jackson Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Department request for Linda Hass to move forward with a Historical Marker Application and location approval to honor the anti-slavery activities in the City of Jackson, and placement of the marker at Bucky Harris Park.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Pappin to approve the request. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- B. Renewal of Lawn Care Maintenance of the Parks, Downtown Areas, and Cemeteries Contract.**

Recommendation: *Approve the request of the Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Department to enter into year three of a contract with Picture Perfect Lawn Care, LLC, Jackson, for lawn care maintenance of the parks, downtown areas, and cemeteries properties at a cost of \$117,148.00.*

Motion was made Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the request. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- C. Ordinance No. 2019-08, Amending the Environmental Commission Ordinance to Permit Non-Residents to Serve as Ex-Officio's. (Second/Final Reading)**

Recommendation: *Final adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-08, amending Article 1, Division 1, Chapter 2, City Code, to permit non-residents to serve as ex-officio members on the Environmental Commission.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Dancy for final adoption of the ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Contract Award for the Exchange Park and Loomis Park Lighting Installation Project.**

Recommendation: *Approve an award of a contract for the Exchange Park and Loomis Park Lighting Installation project to Hirst Electric, Jackson, at a cost of \$76,398.68, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the award of the contract. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Contract Award for the Cooper Street Lighting Installation Project.

Recommendation: *Approve the award of a contract for the Cooper Street Lighting Installation project to J. Ranck Electric, Mt. Pleasant, at a cost of \$352,760.00, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve the award of the contract. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Purchase of a Used Fire Truck

Recommendation: *Approve purchase of a 2003 KME Custom Rescue Pumper from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC, for a total cost of \$164,650.00, and waive the Purchasing Policy.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the purchase. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. City/County Development Agreement with Jackson County for Keely Park and the Event Center

Recommendation: *Approve the execution of a Development Agreement with Jackson County regarding the redevelopment of the Keely Park parking lot as well as the construction of the Event Center, including the waiver of \$51,655.00 in building and electrical permit fees, and authorize City Manager to sign.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the execution of the Development Agreement. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Fifth Addendum to Option Agreement for 228 W. Michigan Avenue (the Hayes Hotel) between the City of Jackson and Home Renewal Systems, LLC.

Recommendation: *Approve the execution of a Fifth Addendum to an Option Agreement between the City of Jackson and Home Renewal Systems, LLC, for 228 W. Michigan Avenue, and authorize the City Manager to sign same and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the Addendum.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the execution of the Fifth Addendum to the Option Agreement. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. Development Agreement between the City and Commonwealth Development Corporation of America Corp for the development of a structure and site located at 313-322 and 324-326 W. Michigan Avenue.

Recommendation: *Approve execution of a Development Agreement between the City and Commonwealth Development Corporation of America Corp for the development of a structure and suite located at 313-322 and 324-326 W. Michigan Avenue to be used for low to moderate income housing.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve the execution of the Development Agreement. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

G. Commonwealth Development Corporation of America - PILOT Ordinance. (First Reading)

Recommendation: *Approve an Ordinance granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Exemption to Commonwealth Development Corporation of America.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve the ordinance and move to a second reading. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

H. LOCC Recommendation – City Council.

Recommendation: Consider the recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) to increase the City Councilmember’s salary \$500.00 per Councilmember, effective January 1, 2020, with no increase in 2019 to the present salary of \$10,100.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve a resolution to reject the recommendation. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

I. LOCC Recommendation – Mayor.

Recommendation: Consider the recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) to increase the Mayor’s salary \$700.00, effective January 1, 2020 with no increase in 2019 to the present salary of \$14,750.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve a resolution to reject the recommendation. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

J. LOCC Recommendation – Treasurer.

Recommendation: Consider the recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) to keep the salary at its present rate of \$95,166.00 until the LOCC meets again to review the salary in 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to accept the recommendation of the LOCC. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Dancy, Heck, and Sullivan offered comments. Councilmembers Robinson, Alexander, and Pappin declined to offer comments.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

City Manager Patrick Burtch declined to offer comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.