



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session, in compliance with State of Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-75, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Jeromy Alexander played "Ode to Joy" in lieu of an invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Councilmembers Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Laura Dwyer Schlecte, and Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: Interim City Manager Jonathan Greene, Assistant City Manager Shane LaPorte, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, City Clerk Andrea Muray, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Jennifer Morris, Director of Finance Phil Hones, DDA Executive Director Cory Mays, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Public Information Officer Aaron Dimick, and Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator John Willis.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mayor Dobies moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 11D - Consideration of 5th Ward Interviews to the agenda. Councilmember Schlecte moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 6A - Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll No. 3412, and adding Items 10B - Establish a Public Hearing for Franklin Street, 11E - Amendment to the Special Assessment Policy, and 11F - Change Time Frame for Notifications for Public Hearings. Councilmember Alexander moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 11B - Rules and Personnel Committee.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the agenda as amended. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Item Removed.

B. Public Hearing FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget:

Public hearing on the City's fiscal year 2020-2021 proposed budget.

City Clerk Andrea Muray read into the record correspondence received regarding the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

City Clerk Andrea Muray read into the record citizen comment correspondence received.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: none.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2020:

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 28, 2020.

B. Resolution for Cascades Park Draining System:

Adopt a Resolution requesting that the Jackson County Drain Commission establish a county drain consisting of the lagoon system and outlet channel of the Cascades Park to the Kibby Drain.

C. Establishment of Public Hearings for Special Assessment Roll Nos. 4293, 4294, and 4295:

Approve the resolutions to establish a public hearing date of May 26, 2020 for the confirmation of Special Assessment Roll Nos. 4293, 4294, and 4295.

D. Approve Submission of the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan:

Approve submission of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, adopt the Resolution of Certifications, and authorize the Mayor to sign Form SF-424, the Certifications, and any other documentation required for submittal of the Annual Action Plan to HUD.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the consent calendar. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Adoption of Resolution authorizing Installment Purchase Agreement**
Recommendation: *Approve and adopt a resolution authorizing an installment Purchase Agreement with Bell Equipment.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded for discussion by Councilmember Schlecte to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the Installment Purchase Agreement. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Dancy, Schlecte, and Forgrave (4). Nays: Councilmembers Robinson and Alexander (2). Motion carried.

- B. Reconsideration of the Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll No. 3412**

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Mayor Dobies to establish a new public hearing for Special Assessment Roll No. 3412 for the reconstruction of water main on Franklin Street from Brown Street to West Avenue for May 26, 2020. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Marihuana Ordinance Amendment to the Marihuana Uses Ordinance in Article XVIII of Chapter 16 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances (First Reading).**

Recommendation: *Approve the amendments to the Marihuana Uses Ordinance Article XVIII of Chapter 16 of the Jackson code of Ordinances.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve and move to second reading. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (5). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

- B. Item Removed.**

- C. Citizen Participation Plan Amendment.**

Recommendation: *Approve the Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan regarding CDBG Funding.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan regarding CDBG Funding – CV. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. 5TH Ward Interviews

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to direct the City Manager to schedule 5th Ward City Council interviews for Susan Murdie, Karen Bunnell, and Peter Bormuth. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Special Assessment Cap

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to amend the Special Assessment Policy providing that no residential property has a special assessment that exceeds \$15,000. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmember Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. Special Assessment Hearing Notification Changes

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Mayor Dobies to change the required time frame for notification of special assessment hearings from 10 days to 20 days effective May 27, 2020 and revisit the item after the State of Emergency has been lifted. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy seconded by Councilmember Alexander to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to MCL 15.268€ in Case No. 16-cv-13520 Dashuna Richards and Eddie Harris v. City of Jackson, et al. and to discuss Collective Bargaining. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to return to open session. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the settlement terms as recommended by the City Attorney and the insurance defense counsel in Case No. 16-cv-13520 Richards, et al. v. the City of Jackson, et al. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to extend the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the MAPE (Michigan Association of Public Employees) Union for a 1 year extension until June 30, 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave all offered comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Interim City Manager Jonathan Green offered 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 8:10 p.m.