



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session 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. A moment of silence to reflect on the sacrifice of those serving in uniform was offered by 2nd Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek 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 Assessor Jason Yoakam, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Porterfield, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Deputy Director of Fire Services David Wooden, Director of Public Works Jonathan Greene, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Jennifer Morris, and Director of Finance Phil Hones.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to adopt the agenda with the amendment of the addition of 11F - Transparency Resolution. A friendly amendment, without objection, was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to move item 10C to 12B. A friendly amendment, without objection, was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Dobies to add 11G, a traffic study at the corner of Elmwood and Wisner. Vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

- A. **Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt will give a presentation regarding Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Gun Violence Strategy.**
- B. **A presentation will be given by Tommy Blackwell regarding a proposal for the City of Jackson ShotSpotter.**
- C. **A Lead Line Replacement presentation will be given by Jonathan Greene and Kelsey Blackwell.**
- D. **Fire Department Analysis (No presentation)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2019:**
Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 14, 2019.
- B. **Building Authority Reappointment:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Philip Hones to the Building Authority for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.
- C. **JPS College Candidate Career Fair:**
Approve a request from Jackson Public Schools to conduct their JPS College Candidate Career Fair event on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at CP Federal City Square and Horace Blackman Park.
- D. **Good News from the Good Book Event:**
Approve a request from Jackson Gospel Hall to conduct their Good News from the Good Book event on the following Sundays, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29, 2019, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at CP Federal City Square and Horace Blackman Park.

- E. Hot Air Jubilee:**
Approve a request from Jackson Hot Air Jubilee to conduct their annual Hot Air Jubilee starting on July 18, 2019, at 8 a.m. until July 21, 2019, at 6 p.m. in Ella Sharp Park.
- F. July Public Paddle:**
Approve a request from the Grand River Environmental Action Team to conduct their July Public Paddle event on Sunday, July 21, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canoes and kayaks will be removed at Ella Sharp Park at Maplewood Drive.
- G. Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3397:**
Approve a Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3397 for the Reconstruction of Edgewood from Michigan Avenue to North Street, confirmed July 17, 2018.
- H. Resolution Approving a Street/Alley Closing:**
Approve a resolution to vacate a public alley on Washington Avenue. (City Planning Commission recommends approval.)
- I. Bright Walls Mural Festival:**
Approve a request from the Jackson Young Professionals for the City to be a supportive partner of Bright Walls Mural Festival for as long as the project exists. (The City recommends partnering and working with Jackson Young Professionals at no cost of the City.)

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2019-10, Amending Chapter 18 to Allow for Harm Reduction Programming in the City. (Second/Final Reading)**
Recommendation: *Final adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-10, amending Section 18-157, Division 2, Article 6, Chapter 18, City Code to allow for harm reduction programming in the City.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to adopt. Votes – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Heck, and Sullivan (6). Nays: Councilmember Pappin (1). Motion carried.

B. Recommendation to Approve the Extension of the 2017 Bridge Consulting Services Contract.

Recommendation: *Approve the first extension of the 2017 Bridge Consulting Services Contract with Great Lakes Engineering of Lansing, Michigan, in the amount of \$17,350.00, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent.*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution - 2019-20 Annual City of Jackson Budget.

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution adopting the fiscal year 2019-20 annual budget providing appropriations for various funds (except for the CDBG funds, which are adopted separately), amending the current fiscal year 2018-19 budget to those amounts projected, and ordering a tax levy.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Dobies to adopt the budget with an amendment to add three (3) firefighters paid through general funds to begin the day after the SAFER Grant expires.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies to amend the budget to include funding for Group Violence Intervention.

A point of order was raised by Councilmember Alexander.

Councilmember Sullivan changed her motion to separate the amendment from the adoption of the budget. Vote was taken on the amendment to the budget to add three (3) firefighters paid for by the general fund once the SAFER grant expires. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Heck, and Sullivan (4). Nays: Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Pappin (3). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Heck to amend the budget to include funding for Group Violence Intervention for the first year in the amount of \$180,000. Mayor Dobies withdrew the motion without objection.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to remove the locker room funding from the budget. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve the resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2019-2020 Annual City of Jackson Budget as amended providing appropriations for various funds, amending the current fiscal year 2018-2019 budget to those amounts projected, and ordering a tax levy. Votes – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Levy of a Millage in the amount of 1.9996 mills on Parcels in the DDA District for FY 2019-2020.

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution from the Downtown Development Authority authorizing the levy of a millage in the amount of 1.9996 mills on parcels in the Downtown Development Authority District for fiscal year 2019-2020.*

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

C. DDA 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Recommendation: *Approve the Downtown Development Authority Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.*

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

D. Resolution for Local Government Approval of Liquor License for Ogma Brewing Company, LLC.

Recommendation: *Approve a Resolution for Local Government Approval using a Michigan Liquor Control Commission form for Ogma Brewing Company, LLC for a new bar permit on their property at 129 E. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI.*

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

E. Public Arts Commission Five (5) Public Art Panel Locations in the City from June 1 - November 1, 2019.

Recommendation: *Approve the Public Arts Commission five (5) public art panel locations in the City from June 1 - November 1, 2019.*

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

F. Transparency Resolution

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution that creates an annual performance review for all appointed officials, posts and updates a listing of the annual salaries of all full time employees on the City of Jackson's open data portal, and direct the Human Relations Commission to review the open data sets.*

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve for discussion. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (6). Nays: Councilmember Alexander (1). Motion carried.

G. Traffic Study - Corner of Elmwood and Wisner

Recommendation: *Direct staff to conduct a traffic study at the corner of Elmwood and Wisner.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Heck to direct staff to conduct a traffic study at the corner of Elmwood and Wisner. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to adjourn to executive session. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Heck to return to open session. Votes - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

A. Recommendation: Councilmember Jeromy Alexander regarding Cindy Eby Petitions.

No action taken.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

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

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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Heck. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.