



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of quiet reflection was offered by Sixth Ward City Councilmember Colleen Sullivan.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmember Kelsey Heck

Also present: City Manager Patrick Burtch, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Director of Public Works Jonathan Greene, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations, and City Engineer Jon Dowling.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Pappin to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public hearing on the necessity of continuing the meterless parking system in the downtown area of the City for 2019-2020.

Public comments were heard and the hearing was closed.

1. Consider a resolution determining the necessity of continuing the meterless parking system, ordering the City Assessor to prepare Special Assessment Roll No. 4290, and establishing September 3, 2019, at the City Council meeting as the time and place to hold a public hearing confirming the meterless parking system assessment roll.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve (for discussion). Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Citizen comments were offered and the meeting continued.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. 2019 July Board of Review Minutes:

Accept and place on file the 2019 July Board of Review minutes.

B. CDBG and HOME Financial Summaries through June 30, 2019.

Accept and place on file the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Financial Summaries through June 30, 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, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2019:

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 16, 2019.

- B. Downtown Development Authority Appointments:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kelly Sharrer to the Downtown Development Authority filling a current vacancy, beginning immediately, and ending March 29, 2023, and to appoint Jessica Webb to the Downtown Development Authority filling a current vacancy, beginning immediately, and ending March 31, 2023.
- C. Jackson District Library Board of Trustees Reappointment:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Beverley McGill to the Jackson District Library Board of Trustees for a four year term beginning August 24, 2019, and ending August 23, 2023.
- D. Jackson Public Arts Commission Appointment:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Rachel Veramay to serve on the Public Arts Commission as the ex-officio representing Ella Sharp Museum, filling a current vacancy, beginning immediately, and ending May 27, 2021.
- F. Ella W. Sharp Park Board of Trustees Appointment:**
Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Stephanie Moser to the Ella W. Sharp Park Board of Trustees filling a current vacancy, beginning immediately, and ending January 31, 2021.
- G. Jackson Back 2 School Bash:**
Approve a request from Many Hands Community Service to conduct their Jackson Back 2 School Bash event on Sunday, August 18th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the King Center.
- H. Wedding of Chris Brown and Jessica Webb:**
Approve a request from Chris Brown to conduct their wedding event on September 14, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Jackson Symphony Orchestra and seven parking spaces in front of JSO.
- I. Walk to End Alzheimer's:**
Approve a request from the Alzheimer's Association to conduct their Walk to End Alzheimer's event on Friday, September 20, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the CP Federal City Square and Horace Blackman Park in downtown Jackson.
- J. Henry Ford Allegiance Health - Race to Health:**
Approve a request from Henry Ford Allegiance Health to conduct its 34th Annual Race to Health event on Sunday, September 21, 2019, near Henry Ford Allegiance Health.
- K. Corrective Resolution - Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Downtown Development, LLC:**
Approve a Corrective Resolution for the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Downtown Development, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the consent calendar. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-11 (Second/Final Reading).**
Recommendation: *Final adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-11 amending Chapter 15, Article III, Sections 15-40, 15-41, and 15-44, City Code, regarding discrimination based on source of income.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Pappin to approve the final adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-11. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Pappin, and Sullivan (5). Nays: Councilmember Alexander (1). Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

- B. Spent Lime Removal Contract Renewal - Water Treatment Plant.**
Recommendation: *Renew the spent lime removal contract to TL Contracting, Lansing, in the amount of \$474,400.00 for work at the Water Treatment Plant.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EFM Limited Dividend Housing Association LLC - Revised PILOT Ordinance. (First Reading)**
Recommendation: *Approve an amended Ordinance granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Exemption to EFM Limited Dividend Housing Association LLC.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

- B. Ordinance - FY 2019-2020 Non-Union Pay Scale (First Reading).**
Recommendation: *Approve an Ordinance establishing compensation rates for non-union administrative and supervisory employees of the City of Jackson. (Tabled at the July 16, 2019, City Council meeting.)*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the ordinance. A motion to table until the September 3, 2019 City Council meeting was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, and Sullivan (3). Nays: Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Pappin (3). Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion failed.

Vote was then taken on the main motion to approve the ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (5). Nays: Mayor Dobies (1). Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

C. Agreement to Rehabilitate 134-138 S. Martin Luther King Jr Drive and its associated properties to avoid demolition of the property as upheld by the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals.

Recommendation: *Authorize signing the Development Agreement (i.e., appeal by the applicant) to rehabilitate 134-138 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and its associated properties to avoid demolition as upheld by the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals on April 28, 2016.*

The petitioner withdrew the item; no action was taken by Council.

D. Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 - Zoning (First Reading).

Recommendation: *Introduce the Ordinance, and recommend for second reading and final adoption the amendments to the building design standards as outlined in Section 28-115 of Article IV, of Chapter 28, of the City's Code of Ordinance. (City Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval.)*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to introduce the ordinance and move for second reading and final adoption. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

E. Select Search Firm for City Attorney Position.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to nominate for consideration GovHRUSA to do the search for a City Attorney. Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to close the nominations. A vote was taken on the nomination of GovHRUSA. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Sullivan (6). Nays: none. Absent: Councilmember Heck (1). Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

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

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

City Manager Patrick Burtch 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 7:53 p.m.