



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
January 25, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Daniel Mahoney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:**

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Sixth Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Vice Mayor/1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Laura Dwyer Schlecte, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Karen Bunnell, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Director of Downtown Development Cory Mays, and Deputy Director of Police Services Sergio Garcia.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS.:**

**A. City of Jackson’s Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021**

*Presentation by Rehmann, LLC, of the City of Jackson’s Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021.*

Nate Bauderman of Rehmann LLC provided an overview of the report.

1. Receipt of the City of Jackson’s Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to receive the ACFR. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Comment on the City’s Housing and Community Development Needs**

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to open the public hearing to receive citizen comment on the City’s housing and community development needs.

Peter Bormuth spoke regarding the need for low income housing. Vittoria and Jason Overmyer spoke regarding the need for transitional housing. LaToya Smith spoke regarding the need for low income housing, affordable homes, and programs to train new homeowners in the City. Jennifer Benniger spoke to the need for low income housing and the idea of a not-for-profit housing program. John King spoke regarding the Affordable Housing Board. Gerald Montgomery spoke regarding the idea of using the funds to purchase group housing.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to close the public hearing. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (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. Accept and Place on File, the CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through December 31, 2021**

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through December 31, 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022**

*Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of January 11, 2022.*

**B. Recognition of The Welcome Home Organization as a Nonprofit**

*Consideration of a resolution recognizing The Welcome Home Organization as a Nonprofit Organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining Millionaire Party License through the State of Michigan*

**C. Appointment to Racial Equity Commission**

*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Michael Johnson to the Racial Equity Commission for a term of 3 years, expiring 12/31/25.*

**D. Appointments to Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees**

*Approval of appointments to the Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees (ERS Board) to fill vacancies, in accordance with the recommendation of the ERS Board. Lisa Skalski – term ending 8/31/24 and Eric Terrian – term ending 8/31/22.*

**E. Approve a Revocable License for a Blade Sign at Fortress Café at 133 W. Michigan Avenue**

*Approve a Revocable License for Fortress Café for the installation of a building mounted blade sign within the Michigan Avenue public right-of-way at 133 W. Michigan Avenue and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s).*

**F. Traffic Control Order - Ella Sharp Park Recommended Roadway Closures**

*Approval of Traffic Control Orders 2371-2373 for the Ella Sharp Park road closures on Birchwood Drive, south drive to soccer fields parking to Maplewood Drive; Maplewood Drive from softball parking to Probert Road; and West Hickory Avenue, Horton Road to drive to park maintenance building.*

**G. Special Event Application – Groundhog Gallop**

*Approve a request from Grow Jackson to host the Groundhog Gallop on February 5, 2022 at Parkside Middle School and on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Equality Trail.*

**H. Resignation from Human Relations Commission**

*Accept with regret, the resignation of Karyl Baker from the Human Relations Commission, and express gratitude to Karyl for years of contributions to the City.*

**I. Appointments to the Affordable Housing Board**

*Approve the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint the following to the Affordable Housing Board: Wendy Clow, 1 year term ending 12/31/22; Katima Dickenson, 1 year term ending 12/31/22; Rachael Wingle, 2 year term ending 12/31/23; Kenneth Robinson, 2 year term ending 12/31/23, Shaunta Patton, 3 year term ending 12/31/23; Laurie Ingram, Ex-Officio; Jonathan Greene, Ex-Officio, Councilmember Angelita Gunn, Councilmember Liaison by Ordinance.*

**J. Reappointments to the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals**

*Approve the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint David Wooden (general public) and Mark Fish (Building Official) to the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals, each for a three-year term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2025.*

**K. Reappointment to the City Planning Commission**

*Approve the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Conner Wood to the City Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2025.*

**L. Reappointments to the Civil Service Board**

*Approve the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Shelia Patterson and Teresa Garcia-Blom to the Civil Service Board, each for a three year term, effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2025.*

**M. Appointment to the Jackson District Library Board of Trustees**

*Approve the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Kelsey Wood to fill a vacancy on the Jackson District Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2026.*

**N. Appointments to Downtown Development Authority**

*Approval of the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Katima Dickenson and Robert Wilkie to the Downtown Development Authority, each for a four-year term, beginning February 1, 2022 and ending on January 31, 2026.*

- O. Appointment and Reappointment to Election Commission**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Conner Wood and reappoint James Grant to the Election Commission, each for a four-year term, beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2026.*
- P. Appointment to the Ella W. Sharp Park Board of Trustees**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Darren McClelland, Sr. as an alternate to the Ella W. Sharp Park Board of Trustees for a three-year term, filling a current vacancy, beginning immediately and ending on January 31, 2025; and appoint Daniel Mahoney as the representative of the Planning Commission, with a term to run concurrent with that of Mayor.*
- Q. Reappointments to the Historic District Commission**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Maurice Imhoff, Scott Slagor and Thaddaus Williams to the Historic District Commission, each for a term of three years, beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2025.*
- R. Appointment to the Human Relations Commission**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Latriva Guinn to the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term, beginning January 26, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2025, in concurrence with the HRC recommendation.*
- S. Appointment and Reappointment to the Local Development Finance Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Scott Damich and reappoint Dan Greer to the Local Development Finance Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, each for a term of four-years, expiring on June 3, 2026.*
- T. Reappointment to the Local Officers Compensation Commission**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Theodore Brzezinski to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a seven-year term beginning March 1, 2022 and ending on February 28, 2029.*
- U. Appointment to the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thaddaus Williams to fill a vacancy on the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority effective immediately, for a term of 2 years, expiring on 12/31/24*
- V. Appointments to Police Oversight Commission**  
*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the following to the Police Oversight Commission effective immediately: Thaddaus Williams, 1 year term ending 12/31/22; Tyler Kolbe, 1 year term ending 12/31/22; Joe Filip, 2 year term ending 12/31/23; Councilmember Karen Bunnell, term to be concurrent with City Council term.*

## **W. Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Peter Mulhearn to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 3 years, beginning immediately and expiring on 12/31/25.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the consent calendar with Items I, J, and O being pulled for separate consideration. Councilmember Forgrave requested that Item M be pulled for separate consideration. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to divide the question in Item J - Appointments to the Affordable Housing Board. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to appoint Wendy Clow to the Affordable Housing Board for a 1 year term ending 12/31/22. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve Katima Dickenson. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve Rachael Wingle. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to appoint Kenneth Robinson for a 2 year term ending 12/31/23. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Gunn, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to appoint Shaunta Patton for a 3 year term ending 12/31/24. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to appoint Angelita Gunn as Councilmember Liaison by Ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Bunnell, and Forgrave (5). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Abstention: Councilmember Gunn. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint David Wooden (general public) and Mark Fish (Building Official) to the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals each for a three year term effective immediately and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to divide the question. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to reappoint David Wooden (general public) to the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to reappoint Mark Fish (Building Official) to the Building Code of Examiners and Appeals. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kelsey Wood to fill a vacancy on the Jackson District Library Board of Trustees for a four year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2026.

Councilmember Forgrave informed Council that he would be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: none. Abstention: Councilmember Forgrave. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to divide the question (Item O). Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to appoint Conner Wood to the Election Commission. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, and Forgrave (5). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte and Bunnell (2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to reappoint James Grant to the Election Commission for a four year term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2026. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-01**

**Recommendation:** *Adopt Ordinance 2022-01 an ordinance repealing the existing Article III – Wastewater System of Chapter 27 – Water and Sewer and enacting a revised Sewer Use Ordinance.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded Councilmember Bunnell to adopt Ordinance 2022-01 an ordinance repealing the existing Article III – Wastewater System of Chapter 27 – Water and Sewer and enacting a revised Sewer Use Ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Approve the Contract Award for Water Main Replacement on West Avenue, Carlton Boulevard to Michigan Avenue, to Bailey Excavating, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan**

**Recommendation:** *Approval of an award for the contract for the Water Main Replacement project for West Avenue from Carlton Boulevard to Michigan Avenue to Bailey Excavating, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan at a cost of \$964,269.07, and authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve an award for the contract for the Water Main Replacement project for West Avenue from Carlton Boulevard to Michigan Avenue to Bailey Excavating, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan at a cost of \$964,269.07 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.



**B. Resolution for Approval of a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Superstructure Replacement on the High Street Bridge over the Grand River**

**Recommendation:** *Approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for superstructure replacement on the High Street Bridge over the Grand River, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for superstructure replacement on the High Street Bridge over the Grand River and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**C. Approve Conditional Phase One Facility License for a Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Establishment as per Ordinance No. 2020-15**

**Recommendation:** *Approve conditional phase one facility license for Leon Cannabis Centers LLC Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Class B Grower at 624 Hupp Avenue, per Ordinance No. 2020-15. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Development Agreement and make minor modifications as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the conditional phase one facility license for Leon Cannabis Centers, LLC Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Class B Grower at 624 Hupp Avenue per Ordinance No. 2020-15 and authorize the City Manager to sign the development agreement and make minor modifications as necessary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

**D. Installation of New Streetlights**

**Recommendation:** *Authorize the installation of approximately 25 streetlights for an estimated one-time cost of \$2,500.00 and an annual operating cost of \$2,920.00 and authorize the City Engineer to coordinate with Consumers Energy for the preparation of an Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract document and associated resolution for future City Council Approval.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to authorize the installation of approximately 24 streetlights for an estimated one-time cost of \$2,500.00 and an annual operating cost of \$2,920.00 and authorize the City Engineer to coordinate with Consumers

Energy for the preparation of an Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract document and associated resolution for future Council approval. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mahoney, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell all offered comments. Vice Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Forgrave declined.

**MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

City Manager Jonathan Greene declined to offer comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Gunn. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.