



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Daniel Mahoney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Vice Mayor/1st Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Vice Mayor/First Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson, Second Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy, Third Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn, Fourth Ward Councilmember Laura Dwyer Schlecte, Fifth Ward Councilmember Karen Bunnell, and Sixth Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Director of Public Works Mike Osborne, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover, Deputy Director of Police Sergio Garcia, and Director of Community Services Shane LaPorte.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, 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:

5.1 City Clerk - Polling Locations

A presentation was given by City Clerk Andrea Muray regarding the potential move of polling locations so that each Ward's polling place is located within the Ward boundaries.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to keep the polling locations where they currently are. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

8.1 2022 City of Jackson Annual Report

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to accept and place on file 2022 City of Jackson Annual Report. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

8.2 CDBG, Home, & CV Financial Summaries for January 2023

Motion was made by Councilmember Gunn, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CV Financial Summaries for January 2023. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

9.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2023.

9.2 Special Event Application for the 2023 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Approve a request from Experience Jackson to conduct the 2023 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday, July 21 – Sunday, July 23, 2023 on the streets of downtown Jackson.

9.3 Special Event Application: JDRF One Walk

Approve a request from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to host their “One Walk” on June 17, 2023 in Ella Sharp Park.

9.4 Engineering Request for Public Hearing for a Presentation for a Lansing Avenue Corridor Improvements project.

Establish March 21, 2023 at the City Council meeting as the time and place to hold a public hearing for a presentation for a Lansing Avenue Corridor Improvements project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the consent calendar with Item 9.4 being removed 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 approve the engineering request for public hearing for a presentation for a Lansing Avenue Corridor Improvement project. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

10.1 City Homeless Efforts – Winter Sheltering of the Unhoused

An update of the City’s homeless efforts was provided.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave to include the most recent update from Residents in Action in the agenda on the website. Councilmember Forgrave withdrew the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Corrective Resolution

Recommendation: *Approve Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 5000 (Street lighting on Cooper Street from Ganson to the I-94 interchange and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from Ganson to Leroy), confirmed May 14, 2019.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the corrective resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 5000. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Loomis Park Phase 2 Change Order 1

Recommendation: *Award the Loomis Park Playground Project Phase 2 Change Order 1 to R.W. Mercer of Jackson, Michigan in the amount of \$136,837.00.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to award the Loomis Park Phase 2 Change Order 1. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Parks Mowing and Irrigation Contract for 2023

Recommendation: *Award the Parks, Cemeteries and Downtown mowing and irrigation contract to Picture Perfect Lawn Care LLC of Concord, Michigan in the amount of \$261,718.87.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the Parks Mowing and Irrigation Contract for 2023. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.4 Identify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Projects for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 and Establish Preliminary Funding Allocations for those Projects

Recommendation: *Identify CDBG and HOME projects for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 and establish preliminary funding allocations for those projects.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to identify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and establish preliminary funding allocations for those projects. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.5 Approval of the sale of City owned property located at 1013 Second Ct. for \$10,000.00

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 1013 Second Ct. to Tyler Schultz for \$10,000. Authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the sale of City owned property located at 1013 Second Ct. for \$10,000. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.6 Water Treatment Plant Engineering Study

Recommendation: *Approval of the Professional Services Contract with Tetra Tech to perform the Engineering, for the Water Treatment Plant RFP (Request for proposal) of a Water Treatment Plant Study for \$113,000..*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the Water Treatment Plant Engineering Study for \$113,000. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.7 F-250 Valve Truck Purchase for Public Works

Recommendation: *Approval for the purchase of one 2023 Ford F-250 4x4 Regular Cab for \$48,821.00 through Gorno Ford /MiDeal Program fitted with a Knapheide Modified Body for \$31,276.00 and one Wachs TM-7 for \$29,276.00 for the purchase amount of \$109,373.00. Including the 7% contingency for a total purchase price of \$117,030.00*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the purchase of the F-250 Valve Truck Purchase for Public Works. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.8 Myrtle and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Recommendation: *Approve the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Myrtle Lift Station Improvements project to Heaney General Contracting Inc. of Ypsilanti, MI in the amount \$7,550,058 with \$4,654,500 to be funded by the City Local Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act and the remaining \$2,895,558 to be funded with Sewer Funds.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the Myrtle and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- 11.9 Consideration of Purchase of TA Wilson School from Jackson Public Schools**
Recommendation: *Approve the proposed purchase agreement for the TA Wilson School from JPS for a purchase price of \$150,000 and authorize the City Attorney to make minor modifications as necessary.*

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

- 11.10 Ward 2 Polling Place Relocation for 2023 Election Cycle**
Recommendation: *Approve the relocation of Ward 2 polling place for the 2023 Election Cycle by moving Precinct 3 to St. John's UCC and Precincts 4 and 5 to St. John's Parish.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the Ward 2 Polling Place relocation for the 2023 Election Cycle. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- 11.11 Transition to Even Year Citywide Elections**
Recommendation: *Establish March 7, 2023 as a date to conduct a public hearing to consider a resolution moving citywide elections from the odd year to an even year cycle.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the transition to even year elections. Parliamentarian Forgrave requested clarification that the motion was to establish a date to conduct a public hearing. Mayor Mahoney confirmed the motion. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- 11.12 Amendment 2 to the 2020 Water Main Engineering Contract**
Recommendation: *Approval of Amendment 2 to the 2020 Water Main Engineering contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) of Jackson, Michigan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$86,260.00 and authorization for the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve Amendment 2 to the 2020 Water Main Engineering Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.13 Request to Adopt a Resolution to Apply for RAISE 2023 Discretionary Grant
Recommendation: *Adopt a Resolution of Support to file an application for the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 2023 Discretionary Grant Program to Reconstruct Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from South Street to Morrell Street.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Gunn, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to adopt a resolution to apply for RAISE 2023 Discretionary Grant. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS:

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

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 Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.