



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 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 Third Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, 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.

Vice Mayor/First Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson arrived after the initial roll call.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, Deputy Director of Police Sergio Garcia, Director of Community Development Shane LaPorte, Director of Public Works Mike Osborne, and City Engineer Jon Dowling.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Gunn, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to recess as a City Council and convene as a Board of Review. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson. Motion carried.

6.1 Special Assessment Roll No. 3426 - Arnold Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to open the public hearing for Special Assessment Roll No. 3426. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

Jennifer Eubanks (121 Arnold) and Steve Lauer (1035 Cooper) protested the special assessment. Annette Albert (118 Arnold) emailed protest was read into the record. The Petition to Oppose Special Assessment Roll No. 3426 filed with the City Clerk containing 9 of the 17 property owner's signatures was added to the record.

Motion was made Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to close the public hearing. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3426 for street reconstruction and water main replacement on Arnold Street from Cooper to the east end.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to vote down the resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3426. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

6.2 Special Assessment Roll No. 3427 - Biddle Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to open the public hearing for Special Assessment Roll No. 3427. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

No protests, in person or in writing, were offered during the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to close the public hearing. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3427 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Biddle from Greenwood to Williams.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the resolution for item 6.2. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

6.3 Special Assessment Roll No. 3428 - Burr Street Cooper to State

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to open the public hearing for Special Assessment Roll No. 3428 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Burr Street Cooper to State. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

Maria Garcia (702 Burr) protested during the hearing. Robroy Thorne (514 Burr), Chris Benn (808 Burr), and Eric Galindo (820 Burr) emailed protests which were read into the record. Alicia Jones spoke during the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to close the public hearing. Vote was done by voice with all in favor.

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3428 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Burr Street, Cooper to State.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to postpone the item until the August Meeting. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers, Gunn, Schlecte (4). Nays: Councilmembers Dancy, Bunnell, and Forgrave (3). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Mahoney, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to postpone Biddle Street until the August meeting. 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 Mayor Mahoney to postpone Special Assessment Roll Nos. 3429, 3430, 3431, 3435, 3436, and 3439 until the August Meeting. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

6.4 Special Assessment Roll No. 3429 - Burr Street, State to Waterloo

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3429 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Burr Street, State to Waterloo

6.5 Special Assessment Roll No. 3430 -Deyo Street

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3430 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Deyo Street, Elm to Gorham

6.6 Special Assessment Roll No. 3431 - Dwight Street

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3431 for street reconstruction and water main replacement on Dwight Street, Chapin to Tyson.

6.7 Special Assessment Roll No. 3435 - Grinnell

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3435 for street reconstruction and water main replacement on Grinnell, Norfolk to Wildwood

6.8 Special Assessment Roll No. 3436 - McBride

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3436 for street reconstruction and water main replacement on McBride, Fourth to First Street.

6.9 Special Assessment Roll No. 3439 - Williams Street

- a) Approve the resolution confirming Special Assessment Roll No. 3439 for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Williams, Biddle to Wilkins Street.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

8.1 City of Jackson, Michigan Financial Statements as of and for the 11 Months Ended May 31, 2023

8.2 CDBG, HOME, & CV Financial Summaries for May 2023

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to accept and place on file items 8.1 and 8.2. 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 June 13, 2023 Council Meeting**
Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2023 City Council Meeting.
- 9.2 Recognition of Jackson Area Hockey Association as a non-profit organization**
Approve a resolution recognizing Jackson Area Hockey Association as a non-profit organization.
- 9.3 Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit**
Adopt a resolution recommending the Michigan Liquor Control Commission consider approving a Social District Permit for Tilted Arcade Bar.
- 9.4 Special Event Application: Jackson Hispanic Heritage Festival**
Approve a request from Nuestra Comunidad to host their Jackson Hispanic Heritage Festival event on September 16, 2023, in Horace Blackman Park, the True Community Credit Union City Square, and on the streets of downtown Jackson.
- 9.5 Special Event Application: Relay for Life**
Approve a request from the American Cancer Society to host their Relay for Life event July 28-29, 2023, in and around Sparks Foundation Park.
- 9.6 Special Event Application: Veteran Suicide Prevention Ruck March**
Approve a request from the Jackson County Military Coalition to host their Veteran Suicide Prevention Ruck March on September 09, 2023, on the sidewalks/crosswalks of Jackson.
- 9.7 Special Event Application: Home of New Vision Recovery Out Loud Walk**
Approve a request from the Home of New Vision to host their Recovery Out Loud Walk on September 9, 2023, on the streets/sidewalks of Jackson.
- 9.8 Special Event Application: Downtown Day**
Approve a request from the Jackson Downtown Development Authority to host Downtown Day on July 30, 2023 in Horace Blackman Park, Bucky Harris Park, and various downtown sidewalks/parking lots.

9.9 Special Event Application: Lean Rocket Lab Local Fellows Pop-Up Market
Approve a request from Lean Rocket Lab to host their Local Fellows Pop-Up Market on Friday, July 28, 2023, from 10 am – 2 pm in downtown Jackson parking lot next to their building.

9.10 Special Event Application: Gospel Fest
Approve a request from the Jackson College Department of Multicultural Affairs to host their Gospel Fest event on July 16, 2023, in Horace Blackman Park, the True Community Credit Union City Square, and on the streets of downtown Jackson.

9.11 Special Event Application: YPOP Explorers'
Approve a request from the YPOP Explorers to host their event on July 24, 2023 on the streets of Jackson.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Public Works Forestry Services contract extension with Johnny's Tree Service, Inc.

Recommendation: *Approval of the one-year contract extension with Johnny's Tree Service, Inc., for as needed tree trimming, tree removals, and stump grinding, with a 2.5% increase for an estimated cost of \$206,800 for the fiscal year 2023/24.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the one-year contract extension with Johnny's Tree Service, Inc., for as needed tree trimming, tree removals, and stump grinding, with a 2.5% increase for an estimated cost of \$206,800 for the fiscal year 2023/24. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt for the 2023/2024 winter season

Recommendation: *Approve the purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt from Detroit Salt Company at a cost of \$77.87 per ton for a total amount of \$311,480, for the 2023/2024 winter season through cooperative bidding with the Jackson County Department of Transportation.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt from Detroit Salt Company at a cost of \$77.87 per ton for a total amount of \$311,480, for the 2023/2024 winter season through cooperative bidding with the Jackson County Department of Transportation. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Award the Loomis Park Playground Project Phase 2 Change Order 2 to R.W. Mercer of Jackson, Michigan in the lesser amount of -\$8,005.00.

Recommendation: *Award the Loomis Park Playground Project Phase 2 Change Order 2 to R.W. Mercer of Jackson, Michigan in the lesser amount of -\$8,005.00.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to award the Loomis Park Playground Project Phase 2 Change Order 2 to R.W. Mercer of Jackson, Michigan in the lesser amount of \$8,005.00. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.4 Professional Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck, for Construction Administration Services for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Recommendation: *Approval of Professional Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck, for Construction Administration of the Fiscal Year 2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Improvement projects at a not to exceed amount of \$134,000.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the Professional Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck, for Construction Administration Services for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in an amount not to exceed \$134,000 for the 2023 Fiscal Year. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.5 Region 2 Planning Commission Invoice - Local Share Cost of JACTS Unified Work Program FY 2023

Recommendation: *Approve payment of the invoice from Region 2 Planning Commission for local share cost of Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (JACTS) Unified Work Program for FY 2023, in the amount of \$24,508.00, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Local Funding Resolution.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the payment of the Region 2 Planning Commission Invoice – Local Share Cost of JACTS Unified Work Program FY 2023 in the amount of \$24,508.00, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Local Funding Resolution. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.6 Change Order No. 1 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2022 Improvements Contract with Allied Mechanical Services, Inc.

Recommendation: *Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2022 Improvements Contract with Allied Mechanical Services, Inc. in the increased amount of \$158,668, and authorize the City Manager and Director of Public Works to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2022 Improvements Contract with Allied Mechanical Services, Inc. in the increased amount of \$158,668, and authorize the City Manager and Director of Public Works to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.7 Approve Conditional Phase 1 Facility License

Recommendation: *Approve conditional phase one license for Five Point Farms, LLC, Marihuana Microbusiness at 744 E. South Street, 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 Bunnell to approve the conditional phase one license for Five Point Farms, LLC, Marihuana Microbusiness at 744 E. South Street, per Ordinance No. 2020-15 and to 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.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S COMMENTS:

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

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

City Manager Jonathan Greene offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.