



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Daniel Mahoney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Vice Mayor/First 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 Assessor Jason Yoakam, City Clerk Andrea Muray, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Chief Equity Officer John Willis.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to adopt the agenda.

A motion to amend was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to add item 9K under the consent calendar - OGMA Brewing resolution. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. Public Hearing and Resolution determining the necessity for street reconstruction and water main and sanitary sewer replacement on Blakely Avenue from Orange Street to Pleasant

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to open the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

Stephen Brown, 561 Orange Street, sent in correspondence in favor of the project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, 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 passed.

a. Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of special assessment roll.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to adopt the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

B. Public Hearing and Resolution determining the necessity for street reconstruction and water main and sanitary sewer replacement on Blakely Avenue from Elm Street to Orange Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to open the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

April Hayden of 1605 Blakely spoke in opposition of the project.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to close the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

a. *Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

C. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) substantial amendment #6 for the Loomis Park East Trail enhancements, adopt the resolution to amend the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, and authorize submission of the substantial amendment to HUD

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to open the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

No comments were offered.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to close the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

a. *Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Years 2020/2021 (Year 46) CDBG-CV Budget.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt the resolution to amend the FY 2020/21 CDBG-CV Budget. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

D. Public Hearing on the necessity of continuing the meterless parking system in the downtown area of the City for 2022-2023

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to open the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

Peter Bormuth of 142 Pearl Street spoke during the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to close the public hearing. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

- a. *Consider a resolution determining the necessity of continuing the meterless parking system, ordering the City Assessor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll and establishing September 13, 2022, 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 Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt the resolution determining the necessity of continuing the Meterless parking system, ordering the City Assessor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll, and establishing September 13, 2022 at the City Council meeting as the time and place to hold a public hearing confirming the Meterless parking system assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: Councilmember Forgrave (1). Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to take a 5 minute recess. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

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

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. City of Jackson - Minutes of the July 2022 Board of Review

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to accept and place on file the minutes of the July 2022 Board of Review. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022.

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of July 12, 2022.

B. Recommendation of Appointments to the City Youth Council; Kendra Abbey and Kamiylah Greene, each for a two-year term, expiring 6/30/24; Alexandria Viger, Jadelyn Gibson and Mia Sims, each for a three-year term expiring 6/30/25

Approve the recommendation of appointments to the City Youth Council.

C. Traffic Control Order 2381- Williams Street

Approval of Traffic Control Order 2381 to remove the parking on the west side of Williams Street from Morrell Street to 100 feet south of Morrell Street.

D. Special Event Application for the Henry Ford Jackson Hospital Race to Health

Approve a request from Henry Ford Jackson Hospital to host the Race to Health on September 17, 2022 on the streets of Jackson.

E. Special Event Application for the Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists' Oktoberfest 5/10k

Approve a request from Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists to host their Oktoberfest 5/10k on September 24, 2022 on the streets of downtown Jackson.

F. Special Event Application for the Jackson High School Class Reunion

Approve a request from Carlene Lefere to host the Jackson High School (class of 1955) Class Reunion on August 29, 2022 in Horace Blackman Park.

G. Special Event Application for the Hispanic Heritage Festival

Approve a request from Jackson College to host the Hispanic Heritage Festival on September 17, 2022 in Horace Blackman Park and downtown Jackson.

H. Special Event Application for the Heart of Lion 5k

Approve a request from the Jackson Area 19 Special Olympics to host their Heart of a Lion 5k on September 18, 2022 in Ella Sharp Park.

I. Special Event Application for the Grand River Cleanup

Approve a request from the Grand River Environmental Action Team to host their Grand River Cleanup on September 10, 2022 in/along the Grand River and in R.A. Greene Park.

J. Special Event Application for the Bright Walls Mural Festival

Approve a request from the Jackson Young Professionals to host the Bright Walls Mural Festival September 8-11 in the streets and parking lots of downtown Jackson.

K. Oigma Brewing Resolution

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Second Reading/Final Adoption Ordinance 2022-06

Recommendation: *Approve the second reading/final adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances in order to reduce the number of members of the Board of Trustees of the City of Jackson Retirement System from thirteen (13) to nine (9) members.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-06. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Second Reading/Final Adoption Ordinance No. 514

Recommendation: *Approve the second reading/final adoption of Ordinance No. 514 regulating nonunion pay for City of Jackson employees.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the second reading and final adoption on Ordinance No. 514. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. First Reading of Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the MLK Corridor Improvement Authority as recommended by the MLK CIA Board

Recommendation: *Consider first reading of amendment to City Code Chapter 2, Article II, Division 15, Sec. 2-407 amending the boundaries of the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority.*

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the first reading of the ordinance amending the boundaries of the MLK CIA as recommended by the MLK CIA Board. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Approve a proposed amendment to City Code Section 16-514. License allocation and fees, subsection (b)(2)

Recommendation: *First Reading for an amendment to Sec. 16-514(b)(2) of the City Code of Ordinances to permit the maximum number of stackable Class C grower/processor state licenses issued pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana and Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Acts.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve a proposed amendment to City Code Section 16-514. License allocation and fees, subsection (b)(2). Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

C. Zoning Map Amendment - 217, 219, and 221 N. Grinnell Street

Recommendation: *Recommend approval to rezone 217 N. Grinnell Street (Parcel #2-01740), 219 N. Grinnell Street (Parcel #2-01730), and 221 N. Grinnell Street (Parcel #2-01720) from R2, one and two family residential to R-4, high density apartment and office.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the zoning map amendment for 217, 219, and 221 N. Grinnell Street. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Zoning Map Amendment - N. West Avenue

Recommendation: *West Avenue (Optimist Park) from R-1, one family residential to C-4 general commercial.*

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

E. Approval of the Contract Award for Public Works Forestry Services to Johnny's Tree Services, Inc., of Jackson, MI, for the fiscal year 2022/2023

Recommendation: *Approval of an award of the contract for the Public Works Forestry Services to include as-needed tree trimming, tree removal, and stump grinding to Johnny's Tree Services, Inc., of Jackson, MI for an estimated amount of \$201,705.00, for the fiscal year 2022/2023.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the contract award for Public Works Forestry Services to Johnny's Tree Service, Inc. of Jackson, MI for the fiscal year 2022/2023. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte,

Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- F. One Year Extension to Consultant Services Agreement – U. S. Department of the Treasury American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**
Recommendation: *Approve a one-year extension of the Consultant Services Agreement with Guidehouse, Inc. to continue assistance in accessing and guiding appropriate uses of the American Rescue Plan – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the one year extension to Consultant Services Agreement – U.S. Department of the Treasury American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- G. Adoption of Sewer System Revenue Bond Ordinance**

Recommendation: *Adoption of Sewer System Revenue Bond Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Michigan Revenue Bond Act, MCL 141.106.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to adopt the Sewer System Revenue Bond Ordinance.

Councilmember Forgrave amended the motion to allow for corrections to errors made on page 2, Section 2, page 4 paragraph 2, page 12 paragraph 3, and page 19 paragraph 4 be corrected and the ordinance be adopted. Councilmember Schlecte seconded. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- H. Resolution for the approval of the tentative contract award to Spence Brothers of Saginaw, MI for the construction of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Wastewater Treatment Plant 2022 Improvements project**

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution for the tentative contract award to Spence Brothers of Saginaw, MI in the amount of \$10,271,000 for the construction of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Wastewater Treatment Plant 2022 Improvements project.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the resolution for the approval of the tentative contract award to Spence Brothers of Saginaw, MI for the construction of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Wastewater Treatment Plant 2022 Improvement Project. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

I. Approval of Professional Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck, for the Construction, Administration and Observation of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$499,000

Recommendation: *Approve the Professional Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck for the Construction, Administration and Observation of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$499,000.00.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the engineering services contract with Fishbeck, for the construction, administration, and observation of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$499,000. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

J. Renovations and Upgrades to Jackson Fire Department Station #2

Recommendation: *Accept bid by RW Mercer Company in the amount of \$646,040, obligating American Rescue Plan Act funding, for upgrades and renovations to Station 2, including electrical, mechanical, and structural improvements.*

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the renovations and upgrades to Jackson Fire Department Station #2. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

K. Award for Parking Lot Crack Fill, Sealcoating and Line Painting Contract

Recommendation: *Approval of an award for the Parking Lot Crack Fill, Sealcoating and Line Painting contract to Wolverine Sealcoating, LLC of Jackson, Michigan at a cost of \$25,933.00, 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 Bunnell to approve the award of the Parking Lot Crack Fill, Sealcoating, and Line Painting Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

L. Change Order 1 to the Miscellaneous Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc.

Recommendation: *Approve Change Order 1 to the Miscellaneous Construction contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. in the increased amount of \$49,160.57 for asphalt pavement patching on High Street from Losey Drive to Executive Drive and authorize the City Manager and the City Engineer to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve Change Order 1 to the Miscellaneous Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (5). Nays: Councilmembers Dancy and Forgrave (2). Motion carried.

M. Approval of the Contract Award for the Water Treatment Plant Repainting of Four Clarifiers and Miscellaneous Repairs to Blastek, LLC of Middleville, MI in the amount of \$1,135,750 to be funded by the City Local Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act

Recommendation: *Approve the contract for the Water Treatment Plant Repainting of Four Clarifiers and Miscellaneous Repairs to Blastek, LLC of Middleville, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,135,750 to be funded by the City Local Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the contract award for the Water Treatment Plant repainting of four clarifiers and miscellaneous repairs to Blastek, LLC of Middleville, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,135,750 to be funded by the City Local Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

N. Approval of the Master Service Order Agreement between the City of Jackson and Airespring

Recommendation: *Approval of the Master Service Order Agreement for a period of three years between the City of Jackson and Airespring and allow the City Attorney and City Manager to make minor modifications as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the Master Service Order Agreement between the City of Jackson and Airespring. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

O. Consideration of an appropriation of \$4.5 million dollars for commercial redevelopment and small business assistance to the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the appropriation of \$4.5 million dollars for commercial redevelopment and small business assistance to the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority. 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, 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 Mayor Mahoney. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.