



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2022

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 Second Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Vice Mayor Arlene Robinson, 2nd Ward Councilman Freddie Dancy, 3rd Ward Councilwoman Angelita Gunn, 4th Ward Councilwoman Laura Dwyer Schlecte, 5th Ward Councilwoman Karen Bunnell, and 6th Ward Councilman Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, Director of Community Development Shane LaPorte, Downtown Development Authority Director Cory Mays, and City Engineer Jon Dowling.

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: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing and Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4305

Recess as City Council and Convene as a Board of Review

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to recess as City Council and convene as a Board of Review. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

1. *Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll No. 4305 for Meterless Parking 2022-2023*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to open the public hearing on Special Assessment Roll No. 4305. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

A. *Consider a resolution confirming Roll No. 4305*

Kevin Thompson (attorney), 200 N. Jackson spoke during the 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 carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt the resolution confirming Roll 4305. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: Councilmember Forgrave (1). Motion carried.

Adjourn as a Board of Review and Reconvene as a City Council

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adjourn as a Board of Review and reconvene as a City Council. 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. Receipt of Notice from the Michigan Municipal League

Receipt of Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to receive the receipt of notice from the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice. 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 August 9, 2022

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 9, 2022.

B. Establish Public Hearing for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Schedule a public hearing at the September 27, 2022 City Council meeting regarding the use of \$30,210 in FY2022 JAG funds by the City for the purchase of equipment and the use of \$19,151 in JAG funds by Jackson County to purchase several pieces of equipment for use by Sheriff's Deputies.

C. Reappointment to Employees Retirement System Board

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Charles Keeling to the Employees Retirement System Board as a member-at-large, public, for a period of four-years, retroactively from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026.

D. Approve a Revocable License for a Blade Sign at Cotton Tales at 340 S. Mechanic Street

Approve a Revocable License for Cotton Tales for the installation of a building mounted blade sign within the Mechanic Street public right-of-way at 340 S. Mechanic Street and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

E. Traffic Control Orders 2382-2383 – Heather Lane and Laurel Lane

Approval of Traffic Control Orders 2382-2383 to remove the parking restrictions on the west side of Heather Lane and the east side of Laurel Lane.

F. Special Event Application for Beats in the Park

Approve a request from Double Crossed Media, LLC to host Beats in the Park on Saturday, September 24, 2022 in Horace Blackman and Bucky Harris Parks.

G. Special Event Application for Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

Approve a request from the Sacred Heart Chapel to host the Our Lady of Guadalupe Walk on Sunday, December 11, 2022 on the streets and sidewalks of downtown Jackson.

H. Special Event Application for Public Rosary

Approve a request from the Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church to host their Public Rosary event on Sunday, October 9, 2022 in Horace Blackman Park.

I. Receipt of Alley Vacation Petition

Receipt of a petition circulated by David Behnke to vacate a public alley that runs between Franklin Street and Mason Street.

J. Special Event Application for the 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 17, 2022 on the streets/sidewalks of Jackson.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave 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 No. 2022-08

Recommendation: *Approve the second reading/final adoption of an ordinance amending the boundaries of the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the second reading and final adoption of an ordinance amending the boundaries of 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.

B. Second Reading/Final Adoption Ordinance No. 2022-09

Recommendation: *Approve the second reading/final adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article XVIII, Section 16-514 to permit the maximum number of stacked MMFLA and MRTMA Class C Grower Licenses authorized under Michigan law.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the second reading and final adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article XVIII, Section 16-514 to permit the maximum number of stacked MMFLA and MRTMA Class C Grower Licenses authorized under Michigan law. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Amendment 2 to the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering Contract

Recommendation: *Approval of Amendment 2 to the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) of Jackson, Michigan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$49,310.00 and authorization for the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve Amendment 2 to the 2021 Major Street and Traffic Signal Engineering Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt from Detroit Salt Company for \$75.32 per ton

Recommendation: *Recommend approval for the purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt from Detroit Salt Company for \$75.32 per ton for a total amount of \$301,280.00 for the 2022/2023 winter season through cooperative bidding with the Jackson County Department of Transportation.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the purchase of 4,000 tons of road salt from Detroit Salt Company for \$75.32 per ton. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Amendment 1 to the 2022 Major Street Engineering Contract

Recommendation: *Approval of Amendment 1 to the 2022 Major Street Engineering contract with Spaulding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA) of Novi, Michigan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$157,025.00 and authorization for the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve Amendment 1 to the 2022 Major Street Engineering Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for installation of one new streetlight at 811 N. East Avenue

Recommendation: *Approve the resolution for Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy for one new streetlight at N. East Avenue and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for installation for one new streetlight at 811 N. East Avenue. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Award a Contract to Eagle Ventures Inc. in the amount of \$200,486 to complete the full renovation of 109 Hollywood Street

Recommendation: *Award a contract to Eagle Ventures Inc. in the amount of \$200,486 to complete the full renovation of 109 Hollywood Street.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded for discussion by Councilmember Dancy to table the item.

Councilmember Schlecte asked to amend the motion to postponing until September 27, 2022. Councilmember Dancy did not concur. Councilmember Schlecte withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to postpone until September 27, 2022. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

F. AEY Holdings LLC Marihuana Phase III License Approval

Recommendation: *Consider approval of Phase III license issuance for AEY Holdings LLC d/b/a Cookies for medical facility and adult use marihuana establishment pursuant to Sec 16-516(c) of the City Code, contingent upon the applicant's receipt of its final Phase II license issuance from the State of Michigan.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the Phase III license issuance for AEY Holdings, LLC d/b/a Cookies for medical facility and adult use marihuana establishment pursuant to Section 16-516 (c) of the City Code, contingent upon the applicant's receipt of its final Phase II license issuance from the State of Michigan. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell all offered comments. Councilmembers Dancy and 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 Dancy, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.