



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council, in accordance with Federal and State guidelines designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, met virtually in regular session and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Sixth Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave in which he offered a moment to reflect on the over 500,000 lives lost to COVID-19, the thousands of families battling the power outages down south, and others facing challenging hardships, and encouragement to strive to make the City better.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek Dobies, Vice Mayor Arlene Robinson, Councilmembers Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Laura Dwyer Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave.

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, Director of Public Works Mike Osborn, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion John Willis, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Director of Finance Phil Hones, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Public Information Officer Aaron Dimick.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to adopt the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to add the item Conflict of Interest under New Business. Vote was taken on the amendment. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Vote was taken on the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

City Clerk Andrea Muray read the comments submitted into the record.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. City Summary of Revenue and Expenditures

Accept and place of file, the City of Jackson's summary of revenue and expenditures for seven (7) months ended January 31, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to accept and place on file the City of Jackson's Summary of Revenue and Expenditures for seven months ended January 31, 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through January 31, 2021

Accept and place on file, the Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Homeless Prevention financial summaries through January 31, 2021.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 9, 2021.

B. Appointments to the City Youth Council

Receive the recommendations of the Human Relations Commission to appoint 9 members to the City Youth Council:

<i>Victoria Uchendu</i>	<i>1 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/21</i>
<i>Chloe Chaparro</i>	<i>1 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/21</i>
<i>Olivia Northrup</i>	<i>1 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/21</i>
<i>Kelli Higgins</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>
<i>Hayden Beatty</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>
<i>Brian Huynh</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>
<i>Madison Connor</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>
<i>Maya Saxton</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>
<i>Blair Arkles</i>	<i>2 year term</i>	<i>Exp 12/31/22</i>

C. Appointment to Racial Equity Commission

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Lee Hampton to the Racial Equity Commission for a one year term, expiring on 12/31/21.

D. Appointments to the Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Diane Washington to a two year term expiring on 12/31/22 and Lee Hampton to a TBD term

E. Appointment to the Jackson Housing Commission

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint James Johnson to the Jackson Housing Commission for a 5 year term expiring on 10/31/25.

F. NOORP Rate Resolution Typographical Error

Approve a resolution correcting a typographical error contained in the Resolution Setting Inspection Rates Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year originally approved by City Council on August 11, 2020.

Mayor Dobies noted some errors in the Consent Calendar. 9B should state “receive the recommendations”, not “affirm and approve the recommendation,” and 9E should state “term expiring on 10/31/25” not “term expiring on 2/23/26”.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the consent calendar with the changes to items 9B and 9E. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A1. Conflict of Interest

Councilmember Schlecte requested that Council made a declaration that there would be no conflict of interest in her representing a buyer in the sale of City-owned property, the City Attorney give an opinion on whether a Councilmembers with a criminal record or who are landlords should be able to deliberate and vote on the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, receive clarification on what Councilmembers who are landlord can and cannot vote on. City Attorney Matthew Hagerty will provide a memorandum for Council to review by the next meeting to include the questions posed by Councilmember Schlecte as well as some more general scenarios.

A. Award the purchase of Aqua Caiman In-Channel Articulating Rake Screen manufactured by Parkson at the Waste Water Plant from Kennedy Industries at the cost of \$220,000.00

Recommendation: *Award the purchase of Aqua Caiman In-Channel Articulating Rake Screen manufactured by Parkson at the Waste Water Plant from Kennedy Industries at the cost of \$220,000.00*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to award the purchase of Aqua Caiman In-Channel Articulating Rake Screen manufactured by Parkson at the Waste Water Plant from Kennedy Industries at the cost of \$220,000.00. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- B. Sale of City owned property parcels ID #1-053300000, 1-055400000 and 1-053700000. To include the structures commonly addressed as 1001 Lansing Avenue, 1003 Lansing Avenue and 428 Hill Street for \$12,000**

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property parcels ID #1-053300000, 1-055400000 and 1-053700000. To include the structures commonly addressed as 1001 Lansing Avenue, 1003 Lansing Avenue and 428 Hill Street for \$12,000. Authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the property transfer and to make minor modifications as needed.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the sale of City owned property commonly addressed as 1001 Lansing Avenue, 1003 Lansing Avenue, and 428 Hill Street for \$12,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the property transfer and to make minor modifications as needed. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- C. Identify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) projects for fiscal year 2021-2022 and establish preliminary funding allocations for these projects**

Recommendation: *Identify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) projects for fiscal year 2021-2022 and establish preliminary funding allocations for these projects.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to identify CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership projects for fiscal year 2021/2022 and establish preliminary funding allocations for the projects. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- D. Application of Waiver of Underfunded Status – Act 345 Policeman & Fireman Pension**

Recommendation: *Approve the application for Waiver of Underfunded Status – Act 345 Policeman & Fireman Pension.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the application for Waiver of Underfunded Status – Act 345 Policeman & Fireman Pension. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Balancing Change Order 1 to the Franklin Street Reconstruction Contract with Bailey Excavating

Recommendation: *Approve of Change Order 1 to the Franklin Street Reconstruction contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc., in the increased amount of \$194,642.57 to balance quantities to match quantities placed in the field and add new items necessary to complete work in the field, to add items for sanitary sewer extension on Wisner Street and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve Change Order 1 to the Franklin Street Reconstruction contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc., in the increased amount of \$194,642.57 to balance quantities to match quantities placed in the field, add new items necessary to complete work in the field, add items for sanitary sewer extension on Wisner Street, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. Contract Award for 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering

Recommendation: *Approve of the award for the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering contract to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan for \$101,820.90, 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the award for the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering Contract to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., of Jackson, Michigan for \$101,820.90, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

G. Contract Award for 2021 Major Street Engineering

Recommendation: *Approve of the award for the 2021 Major Street Engineering contract to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan for \$138,384.00, 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the award for the 2021 Major Street Engineering Contract to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan

for \$138,384.00, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

H. Contract Award for 2021 Trail Engineering

Recommendation: *Approve of the award for the 2021 Trail Engineering contract to the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. of Okemos, Michigan in the amount of \$49,104.26, 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the award for the 2021 Trail Engineering Contract to the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. of Okemos, Michigan in the amount of \$49,104.26, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s) in accordance with the Purchasing Agent. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

I. Adoption of Resolution Adjusting Parking Permits

Recommendation: *Adopt the resolution adjusting parking permits for the City of Jackson automobile parking system, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolutions.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the resolution adjusting parking permits for the City of Jackson auto parking system and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

J. Body-Worn Camera Contract Renewal

Recommendation: *Approve the renewal of a 5-year contract with Axon Enterprise and authorize the City Manager to execute that contract.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the renewal of a 5 year contract with Axon Enterprise and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- K. Local Officers Compensation Commission Recommendation**
Recommendation: *Consideration of a recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) – no increase to the annual salary and keep the current rate for the next two years for City Treasurer, Mayor and Councilmembers.*

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to accept the recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- L. Fair Chance Housing Ordinance**
Recommendation: *Consideration of a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the first reading and advance to a second reading and final adoption an Ordinance amending Section 14-600 through Section 14-625 of Article VII of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances to provide citizen with criminal records fair opportunity to secure housing by regulation the use of criminal background checks as part of the tenant screening process.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to postpone the item until the first meeting in April. The motion died from lack of support.

Vote was taken on the main motion. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- M. Parking Agreement**
Recommendation: *Approve the parking agreement between the City of Jackson and 113 W. Michigan Avenue, LLC.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the parking agreement between the City of Jackson and 113 W. Michigan Avenue, LLC. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

N. Resolution for the Approval of a Contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for Construction of a Non-Motorized Path Along Elmdale Road

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the construction of a non-motorized path along Elmdale Road and S. Jackson Street, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of a non-motorized path along Elmdale Road and S. Jackson Street, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave offered comments. Councilmember Alexander declined to offer 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, and seconded by Councilmember Alexander. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.