



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 9 , 2021

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Jackson City Council met virtually, in accordance with State and Federal guidelines designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and the meeting 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 Vice Mayor Arlene Robinson in which she offered a moment of silence to pray or worship in another way.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Councilmember Will Forgrave.

Also Present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Murray, Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion John Willis, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Public Information Officer Aaron Dimick.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Public hearing on a State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for a MLK Equality Trail new trail project from Prospect Street to S. West Avenue**

No comments were submitted for the public hearing.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

City Clerk Andrea Muray read comments submitted into the record.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:**

**A. 2020 City of Jackson Annual Report**

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to accept and place on file the 2020 City of Jackson Annual Report. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell. (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021**

*Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2021.*

**B. Approval of sale of City Owned Property at 1110 Plymouth Street to Lily Missionary Baptist Church**

*Approve the sale of City owned property at 1110 Plymouth Street to adjacent property owner Lily Missionary Baptist Church*

**C. Traffic Control Order 2343 - Oakridge Drive at Fourth Street**

*Approve Traffic Control Order 2343 to install “No Parking Any Time” sign with proper arrow the legal distance of 30’ west of “Stop” sign at the intersection of Oakridge Drive and Fourth Street*

**D. Traffic Control Orders 2344-2345**

**Avondale Street - Oakridge Drive to Crescent Road  
Briarcliff Road - Oakridge Drive to Crescent Road**

*Approval of Traffic Control Orders 2344 and 2345 to Install “No Parking Any Time” signs on the west side of Avondale Street and Briarcliff Road, Oakridge Drive to Crescent Road*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the consent calendar. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell. (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **A. Fair Chance Housing Ordinance**

**Recommendation:** *Approve final adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-01 - Fair Chance Housing*

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the final adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-01 adding sections 14-600 through 14-625 of Article VII of Chapter 14 of the Code with amendments to Section 14-609(a) by striking the original language and replacing it with *A housing provider shall ensure that all solicitations or advertisements for the rental or lease of eligible housing, or those made on their behalf, are consistent with the provisions of this Article*, Section 14-612 by adding landlords to the eligible group for which education and outreach may be available for, and Section 14-617 by making the effective date 90 days after final adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to postpone the item until the next Council meeting and schedule a work session next week.

Councilmember Alexander called the question, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Vote was taken on the motion to postpone. Vote – Yeas: Councilmembers Dancy and Schlecte (2). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Alexander, and Bunnell (4). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to amend the main motion by changing Section 14-604 (a) (2) to say *Provided to the applicant a written approval letter conditional upon review and approval of applicant's criminal conviction history if any*. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to amend the main motion by revising Section 14-604 (c) to read *It is the responsibility of a housing provider to provide written instructions to its employees and agents that they must comply with this Article*.

Vote – Yeas: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Bunnell (5). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to amend the main motion to change Section 14-607 (d) from 14 calendar days to 48 hours. Councilmember Schlecte withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to amend the main motion to change Section 14-607 (d) from 14 calendar days to 3 calendar days.

Councilmember Alexander called the question, but the discussion came to an end when Mayor Dobies made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to amend the motion to amend the main motion to change Section 14-607 (d) from 3 calendar days to 7 calendar days. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Bunnell (5). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

Vote was taken on the motion to amend the main motion to change Section 14-607 (d) from 14 calendar days to 7 calendar days. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Bunnell (5). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to amend the main motion to eliminate Section 14-609 in its entirety. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to amend the main motion to eliminate Section 14-610 in its entirety. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to amend the main motion by eliminating Section 14-611 (d). Vote – Yeas: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Bunnell (5). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to amend the main motion by striking paragraph 1 of Section 14-615 (a) (1). Councilmember Schlecte withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to amend the main motion by changing Section 14-617 from taking effect 90 days after final adoption to 6 months after final adoption. Motion died for lack of a second.

Vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Bunnell (5). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Approval of a resolution to apply for a Trust Fund Grant to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a MLK Equality new trail project from Prospect Street to S. West Avenue**

**Recommendation:** *Approve a resolution to apply for a Trust Fund Grant to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a MLK Equality new trail project from Prospect Street to S. West Avenue and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the resolution to apply for a Trust Fund Grant to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a MLK Equality new trail project from Prospect Street to S. West Avenue, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**B. Contract Award for the Morrell & Steward Water Main Contract**

**Recommendation:** *Approve an award of the contract for the Morrell & Steward Water Main Replacement to Dunigan Brothers, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan at a cost of \$903,634.00 and authorize 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 of the contract for the Morrell & Steward Water Main Replacement to Dunigan Brothers, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan at a cost of \$903,634.00, 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, and Bunnell. (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**C. Change Order 2 to the contract with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for the 2018 Sewer Rehabilitation contract**

**Recommendation:** *Approve Change Order 2 to the contract with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for the 2018 Sewer Rehabilitation contract in the increase amount of \$419,199.10 to change contract costs for various items to obtain required strength materials and to add work to line sewers in the Sulgrave Avenue area and downtown on the low level interceptor, and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve Change Order 2 to the contract with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for the 2018 Sewer Rehabilitation contract in the increased amount of \$419,199.10 to change contract costs for various items, to obtain required strength materials, and to add work to line sewers in the Sulgrave Avenue area and downtown on the low level interceptor, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate document. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell. (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**D. Sale of City owned property at 906 W. Washington Avenue, parcel ID# 3-061800000 for \$500 to Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity of Jackson, Michigan**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 906 W. Washington Ave, Parcel ID # 3-061800000 for \$500 to Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity of Jackson, Michigan. Authorize the City Manager or designee to create a Property Transfer and Development Agreement, and any other documents required to complete sale of the property.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to table the item and put the sale of the property out for open bid to the general public. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell. (5). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

**E. Sale of City owned property located at 2014 Pringle Street for \$60,000**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 2014 Pringle Street for \$60,000, and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents associated with the property transfer and make minor modifications as needed to complete the sale.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the sale of City owned property located at 2014 Pringle Street for \$60,000, and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents associated with the property transfer and make minor

modifications as needed to complete the sale. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell. (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Schlecte all offered comments. Councilmember Bunnell 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 Alexander and was seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.