



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 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:

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by 6th Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Vice Mayor 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 Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion - Adopt the agenda

Moved by: Angelita Gunn

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

- 5.1 **A Proclamation declaring the week of February 1, 2023 to February 7, 2023 as Gun Violence Survivors Week.**

[Gun Violence Survivors Week.pdf](#) 

Motion - Adopt the proclamation

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell


Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6.1 **Hearing of Necessity - Pavement Replacement on North Street, Wisner Street to West Avenue**

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

[Necessity - Pavement Replacement on North Street from Wisner to West Ave.pdf](#) 

Motion - Open the public hearing

Moved by: Angelita Gunn

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

No comments were offered during the hearing.

Motion - Close the public hearing

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Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

Motion - Approve the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll

13 - 21

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Will Forgrave

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

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 Six Months Ended December 31, 2022.

[Monthly Financial Statements 2022-12-31.pdf](#) 

Motion - Accept and place on file the City of Jackson, Michigan Financial Statements as of and for the six months ended December 31, 2022.

Moved by: Angelita Gunn

Seconded by: Laura Schlecte

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion - Approve the consent calendar.

Moved by: Will Forgrave

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

9.1. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023**

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of January 24, 2023.

[CITY COUNCIL - Jan 24 2023 - Minutes - Pdf](#) 

9.2. **Accept with regret, the resignation of Bart Hawley from the Downtown Development Authority Board**

[DDA - Bart Hawley Resignation.pdf](#) 

9.3. **Accept with regret, the resignation of Diane Cerqueira from the Local Officers Compensation Committee**

[LOCC-DCerqueira Resignation.pdf](#) 

OTHER BUSINESS:

10.1. **City Homeless Efforts - Winter Sheltering of the Unhoused**

[RIA 1-27-23 report 2.pdf](#) 

An update was given by City Manager Jonathan Greene.

NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 **Award the contract to Michigan Agribusiness Solutions LLC of Saginaw, Michigan, for the hauling and land applicaiton of biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

[Biosolids Removal - WWTP.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Award the contract to Michigan Agribusiness Solutions LLC of Saginaw, Michigan for the hauling and land application of biosolids removal at a price of \$0.041 per gallon.*

Motion - Award the contract to Michigan Agribusiness Solutions LLC of Saginaw, Michigan for the hauling and land application of biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Angelita Gunn

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

11.2 Jackson Wastewater Treatment Plant Main Switchgear Project Change Order #1

[Change Order #1 - WWTP Main Switchgear.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Approve Project Change Order #1, for the Jackson Wastewater Treatment Plant Main Switchgear Project to allow Expo Technologies LLC to perform the unforeseen but necessary wire replacement in the amount of \$16,839.00.*

Motion - Approve Jackson Wastewater Treatment Plant Main Switchgear Project Change Order #1

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

11.3 **Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for the removal of one streetlight.**

[Engineering Consumers Streetlight Contr Change.pdf](#) 

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

Motion - Approve changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for the removal of one streetlight.


Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

11.4 **Revoke Conditional Phase One Facility License for a Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Establishment**

[JARS Revoke Phase 1 conditional Marihuana License Packet.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Revoke conditional phase one facility license for JARS Holding LLC Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Provisioning Center at 156 Cooper.*

Motion - Revoke Conditional Phase One Facility License for a Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Establishment by the name of JARS Holdings, LLC.

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Will Forgrave

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

11.5 **Approve Conditional Phase One Facility License for a Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Establishment as per Ordinance Section 16-516**

[Legends Green Venture LLC Class C Phase 1 Contitional License.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Approve a conditional Phase One facility licenses for Legend Green Venture LLC. One medical and one adult use Marihuana Class C Grower at 712 E. South Street, per Ordinance Section 16-516. Authorize the City Attorney to prepare the Development Agreement and Authorize the City Manager to sign the Development Agreement.*

Motion - Approve Conditional Phase One Facility License for a Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Establishment as per Ordinance Section 16-516

Moved by: Karen Bunnell

Seconded by: Laura Schlecte

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Nay Freddie Dancy

Carried 6-1

11.6. **Approval of 'Community of Shapes' Art Sculpture at the MLK Equality Trail near the intersection of MLK Drive and High Street**

[Community of Shapes Sculpture.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Approval of Doug Jones and Chris Turner's 'Community of Shapes' Art Sculpture at the MLK Equality Trail near the intersection of MLK Drive and High Street and for the City Attorney and the Parks and Recreation Director to move forward with the artist agreement including delivery, installation and not to exceed \$30,000 contract.*

Motion - Approval of 'Community of Shapes' Art Sculpture at the MLK Equality Trail near the intersection of MLK Drive and High Street .

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, and Laura Schlecte

Nay Angelita Gunn, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 4-3

11.7 **No Mow May Resolution**

[No Mow May.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Disapprove the resolution for “No Mow May” in the City of Jackson.*

Motion - Approve the resolution for “No Mow May” in the City of Jackson.

Moved by: Will Forgrave

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Nay Freddie Dancy

Carried 6-1

11.8 **Approve the sale of City owned property located at 352 N. Grinnell Street, 823 Maltby Street, 612 E. Ganson Street and 704 E. Ganson Street to Fresh Start Real Estate Services, LLC**

[Fresh Start Property Sale.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property for \$300 per lot, located at 352 N. Grinnell Street, 823 Maltby Street, 612 E. Ganson Street, and 704 E. Ganson Street to Fresh Start Real Estate Services, LLC for the purpose of building four new, single family homes. Authorize the City Attorney to create the Property Transfer Agreement and any other authorized documents to complete the sale of the property; authorize the*

City Manager to sign Property Transfer and other related documents.

Motion- Approve the sale of City owned property located at 352 N. Grinnell St., 823 Maltby St., 612 E. Ganson St., and 704 E. Ganson Street to Fresh Start Real Estate Services, LLC.

Moved by: Angelita Gunn

Seconded by: Will Forgrave

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

12. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion - Go into Closed Session

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

Motion - Return to open session

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

- 12.1 Conduct closed session pursuant to MCL 15.228(d) in order to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

Motion - Accept the staff recommendation on Item 12.1

Moved by: Laura Schlecte

Seconded by: Daniel Mahoney

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, and Karen Bunnell

Abstain Will Forgrave

Carried 6-0

Councilmember Forgrave stated his abstention was due to the public not knowing what the body was voting on and under the rules and policies of the City a member of Council cannot vote in favor of something that will enrich themselves and there is no way to confirm the vote would not do that..

- 12.2 Conduct closed session pursuant to MCL 15.228(d) in order to consult with legal counsel regarding specific pending litigation.

Motion - Approve the settlement recommendation from legal counsel and City staff in Jackson Circuit Court Case #17-2035-CK.

Moved by: Will Forgrave

Seconded by: Karen Bunnell

Aye Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Angelita Gunn, Laura Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave

Carried 7-0

13. CITY COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS:

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

Motion - Ask Ms. (Keshia) Hamilton to provide Council with a statement confirming that she was not speaking on behalf of the City of Jackson or the Racial Equity Commission in any way shape or form regarding her statements about whiteness or any other controversial topics.

Moved by: Laura Schlecte
Seconded by: Will Forgrave

Councilmember Schlecte withdrew the motion.

14. MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

City Manager Jonathan Greene declined to offer comments.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion - Adjourn

Moved by: Freddie Dancy
Seconded by: Laura Schlecte

Voice was done by voice with all in favor.

Mayor Daniel Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Mayor