



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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 Third Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn.

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:

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt. Director of Community Development Shane LaPorte, and City Engineer Jon Dowling.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to adopt the agenda. Mayor Mahoney requested Evaluation Process of Appointed Officials be added under New Business. Vote was taken on the adoption of the agenda with the addition item under New Business. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

- 5.1 Presentation on Lansing Avenue Corridor Improvement Project - Jon Dowling, P.E., City Engineer

- 5.2 Presentation on the State of Michigan, Department of Great Lakes and Energy 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan - Erin Szczegielniak, Fishbeck

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6.1 Lansing Avenue Corridor Improvement Project
Receive public comments on the proposal to reconstruct Lansing Avenue, from Clinton Road to Steward Avenue, to three lanes and reestablish a green belt on either side of the road to separate the sidewalks from the roadway.

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

Peter Bormuth and John King offered comments 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 carried.

- 6.2 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan

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

No comments were offered by the public.

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

- A. Resolution to adopt the 2024 City of Jackson Clean Water State Revolving Fund Final Project Plan

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the resolution to adopt the City of Jackson Clean Water State Revolving Fund Final Project Plan and appoint the Director of Public

Works as the authorized representative. 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:

8.1 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG/HOME Draft

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to receive the Draft 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG/HOME. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

8.2 CDBG, Home, & CV Financial Summaries for February 2023

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CV Financial Summaries for February 2023. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

9.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council on March 7, 2023

9.2 LOCC Recommendation - City Treasurer

Approve the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation regarding the City Treasurer's salary.

9.3 LOCC Recommendation - Council

Approve the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation regarding the City Council's salary.

9.4 LOCC Recommendation - Mayor

Approve the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation regarding the Mayor's salary.

9.5 Local Governmental Unit Approval - Social District Permit

Adopt a resolution providing the Local Governmental Unit approval for the Social District Permit Application being submitted to the State of Michigan by Prego, LLC.

9.6 Special Event Application for the Jackson Autism Support Network's "Light It Up Blue Jackson"

Approve a request from the Jackson Autism Support Network to host "Light It Up Blue Jackson" April 3-30, 2023 on light poles in downtown Jackson.

9.7 Special Event Application: Ella Sharp Museum Art, Beer, & Wine Festival

Approve a request from the Ella Sharp Museum to host their Art, Beer, & Wine Festival on June 10, 2023 in Ella Sharp Park.

9.8 Appointment to Downtown Development Authority

Approval of the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thomas Loveberry to the Downtown Development Authority, for a four-year term, beginning immediately and ending on March 31, 2027.

9.9 Appointment to Downtown Development Authority

Approval of the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Erin Valkuchak to the Downtown Development Authority, replacing Katima Dickenson, who is unable to continue her term due to residency requirements; with a term beginning immediately and ending on January 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the consent calendar with items 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4 removed for separate consideration. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Item 9.2 - Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the resolution for the City Treasurer. Mayor Mahoney clarified that the resolution rejects the LOCC's recommendation. Councilmember Schlecte made a motion to approve the recommendation of the LOCC for City Treasurer, Council, and Mayor. Councilmember Schlecte withdrew the motion. Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to accept the LOCC's recommendation for Treasurer. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Item 9.3- Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the Local Officers Compensation

Commission's recommendation regarding City Council's salary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: Councilmember Forgrave (1). Motion carried.

Items 9.4 - Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation regarding the Mayor's salary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Mayor Mahoney to add an item under Other Business - Homeless Update. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Residents in Action provided Council with an update.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to allow the balance of the funds to go to help provide supplies for the home resource fair. Councilmember Schlecte amended the motion to extend the contract until April 6. Councilmember Forgrave supported the amendment. Vote was taken on the motion as amended. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.1 Transition of City Elections from Odd Number Years to Even Number Years**
Recommendation: *Approve a resolution, by roll call vote, to transition City wide elections from odd number years to even number years beginning in 2026.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the resolution to transition City wide elections from odd number years to even number years beginning in 2026. A roll call vote was taken. Mahoney- yes, Robinson- yes, Dancy-yes, Gunn-yes, Schlecte-yes, Bunnell-yes, Forgrave-yes. Motion carried.

- 11.2 Police Department's In-Car Camera System**
Recommendation: *Authorize signing of the contract with Axon and moving forward with the In-Car camera project at the Police Department.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to authorize the signing of the contract with Axon and to move forward with the in-car camera project at the Police Department. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.3 404 Homewild Avenue Housing Project

Recommendation: *Terminate the contract award with Family First Builders LLC for the renovation of 404 Homewild Ave and abandon this transitional housing project*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to terminate the contract award with Family First Builders, LLC for the renovation of 404 Homewild Ave and forego this transitional housing project. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.4 HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

Recommendation: *Approve submission of the HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOMEARP) Allocation Plan, and authorize the Mayor to sign Forms SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, the HOMEARP Certifications, and any other documentation required for submittal of the Allocation Plan to HUD.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Gunn, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve submission of the HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan, and authorize the Mayor to sign Forms SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the HOMEARP Certifications, and any other documentation required for submittal of the Allocation Plan to HUD. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.5 Sale of City owned property located at 1014 Woodbridge Street

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 1014 Woodbridge Street, to Misael Ruiz for \$13,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.6 Sale of City owned property located at 600 West Biddle Street.

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 600 West Biddle Street, to Rafael Golden for \$21,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.7 Sale of City owned property located at 1100 Chittock Avenue

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 1100 Chittock Avenue, to Weatherspoon & Associated Realty Inc. for \$10,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.8 Sale of City owned property located at 429 St. Clair Avenue

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 429 St. Clair Avenue, to Timothy Mullins for \$20,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.9 Sale of City owned property located at 116 West Mansion Street

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 116 West Mansion Street, to Timothy Mullins for \$20,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.10 Sale of City owned property located at 521 Wildwood Ave

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 521 Wildwood Ave, to Michael Macomber for \$10,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.11 Sale of City owned property located at 1026 South Milwaukee Street

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 1026 South Milwaukee Street, to Rafael Golden for \$11,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.12 Sale of City owned property located at 213 Damon Street

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 213 Damon Street, to Madalina Hoffert for \$8,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.13 Sale of City owned property located at 138 East Robinson

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 138 East Robinson Street, to Rafael Golden for \$16,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.14 Sale of City owned property located at 901 Washington Avenue

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 901 West Washington Ave Street, to Nick Fuller for \$48,000 and authorize the City Manager to*

sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve items 11.5-11.14. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.15 Lot purchase agreement between Green Development Ventures LLC and the City of Jackson.

Recommendation: *Approve the lot purchase agreement between Green Development Ventures LLC and the City of Jackson, and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make minor modifications as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded for discussion by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the lot purchase agreement between Green Development Ventures, LLC and the City of Jackson and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make minor modifications as necessary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.16 Jackson Affordable Housing Development Board ARPA Funds Allocation Recommendation

Recommendation: *Approve a recommendation from the Jackson Affordable Housing Development Board for an allocation from the City of Jackson's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, in the amount of \$3.31 million, for the support of a new home construction program, and for the preservation of existing properties, with specific program guidelines to be created by the Community Development Department.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the recommendation from the Jackson Affordable Housing Development Board for an allocation from the City of Jackson's American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$3.31 million, for the support of a new home construction program and for the preservation of existing properties which specific program guideline to be created by the Community Development Department. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.17 Purchase of TA Wilson School

Recommendation: *Approve proposed purchase agreement with Jackson Public Schools for the purchase of TA Wilson and authorize the City Attorney to make minor modifications to the agreement as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the proposed purchase agreement with Jackson Public Schools for the purchase of TA Wilson and authorize the City Attorney to make minor modifications to the agreement as necessary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

11.18 Masonic Temple Buildout - Phase I

Recommendation: *Award a Contract to R.W. Mercer for the Masonic Temple Buildout in the amount of \$774,184, Provide \$12,500 for Allowances and a 15% Contingency Fund, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Potential Change Orders Less than \$50,000.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to award a contract to R.W. Mercer for the Masonic Temple Buildout in the amount of \$774,184, provide \$12,500 for allocations, a 15% contingency fund, and authorize the City Manager to execute potential change orders less than \$50,000. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.19 Sale of City owned property located at 971 N. West Avenue

Recommendation: *Approve the Letter of Intent from Lormax Stern to purchase City owned property located at 971 N. West Avenue and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to create the Property Transfer Agreement to complete the sale of the property.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the Letter of Intent from Lormax Stern to purchase City owned property located at 971 N. West Avenue and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to create the property transfer agreement to complete the sale of the property. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.20 Resolution of Support - Fair Chance Housing Legislation

Recommendation: *Consider a Resolution supporting Fair Chance Housing Legislation.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to consider a resolution supporting Fair Chance Housing Legislation. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

11.21 Evaluation Process for Appointed Officials

Motion was made by Mayor Mahoney, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to create an Ad Hoc Committee with three people to create a process for evaluations of appointed officials and come back to Council within 60 days with a recommendation for an annual evaluation process. 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 Councilmember Schlecte. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.