



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 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 Sixth Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Vice Mayor/First Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson, Second Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy, Third Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn, Fifth Ward Councilmember Karen Bunnell, and Sixth Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

Absent: Fourth Ward Councilmember Laura Dwyer Schlecte.

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 Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Downtown Development Authority Director Cory Mays, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. March Board of Review Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to accept and place on file the March Board of Review Meeting Minutes. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Social District Update

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to accept and place on file the Social District Update. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2022

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 22, 2022.

B. Reappointments to the Jackson Area Transportation Authority

Approval and confirmation of the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Chelsea Poole and Lezlie Bowles to the Jackson Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors, each for a term of three years, beginning immediately and ending on 3/31/25.

C. Approve a Revocable License for a Building Mounted Blade Sign at The Blue Julep at 143 W. Michigan Avenue

Approve a revocable license for The Blue Julep for the installation of a building mounted blade sign within the Michigan Avenue public right-of-way at 143 W. Michigan, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document(s).

D. Amend the Mayor's Recommended Appointment to the Environmental Commission

Amend the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Jane Flores to fill a vacancy on the Environmental Commission for a three-year term, beginning June 1, 2022 and expiring on May 29, 2025.

E. Approve a Resolution Supporting an Application for the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant to Improve the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Corridor between South Street and Morrell Street

Approve the RAISE grant resolution of support to reconstruct and redevelop Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive between South and Morrell Streets, with a City match of up to \$3,930,346.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the consent calendar. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Second Reading - Community Garden Ordinance

Approval of the Community Gardens Ordinance - as recommended by the Jackson City Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the Community Gardens Ordinance as recommended by the Jackson City Planning Commission. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to Adopt a Resolution Approving Selected Projects for Additional Funds for the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Recommendation: *Adopt a resolution to approve the project list as selected for inclusion in the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to acknowledge that the City is willing to pay the local match for the selected projects.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to adopt a resolution to approve the project list as selected for inclusion in the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to acknowledge that the City is willing to pay the local match for the selected projects. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for Streetlights with Consumers Energy for the Addition of Seven New Streetlights

Recommendation: *Approve the resolution for changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for seven streetlights with Consumers Energy and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the resolution for changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for seven streetlights with Consumers Energy and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Request to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Project as Selected for the FY 2022 Federal Highway Funds Inclusion in the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Recommendation: *Adopt a resolution to approve the project as selected for the FY 2022 Federal Highway Funds in the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to acknowledge that the City is willing to pay the local match for the selected projects.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt a resolution to approve the project as selected for the FY 2022 Federal Highway Funds in the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to acknowledge that the City is willing to pay the local match for the selected projects. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Resolution to Apply for Local Bridge Program Funding Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive bridge over the Grand River

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution for application to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Local Bridge Funding, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution, and authorization for the City Engineer to file an application for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge over the Grand River.*

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve a resolution for application to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Local Bridge Funding, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution, and authorize the City Engineer to file an application for the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge over the Grand River. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Resolution to Apply for Local Bridge Program Funding for Preventative Maintenance for Three Bridges within the City of Jackson

Recommendation: *Approve a resolution for application to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Local Bridge Program Funding, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution, and authorization for the City Engineer to file an application for Preventative Maintenance on three bridges within the City.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve a resolution for application to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Local Bridge Program Funding, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution, and authorize the City Engineer to file an application for Preventative Maintenance on three bridges within the City. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. Approve the Sale of the Hotel Hayes, City Owned Property Located at 228 W. Michigan Avenue to J. Jeffers & Co. for \$25,000

Recommendation: *Approve the sale of the Hotel Hayes, located at 228 W. Michigan Avenue to J. Jeffers & Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for \$25,000.00. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase Agreement and Property Transfer and Development Agreement; and any other authorized documents to complete the sale of the Property, making minor modifications as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve the sale of the Hotel Hayes located at 228 W. Michigan Avenue to J. Jeffers & Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for \$25,000.00, authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase Agreement and Property Transfer and Development Agreement and any other authorized documents to complete the sale of the property making minor modifications as necessary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Gunn, Bunnell, and Forgrave all offered comments. Councilmember Dancy 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, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.