



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:31 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 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, Director of Public Works Mike Osborne, Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, Director of Finance Phil Hones, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, and City Assessor Jason Yoakam.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Jackson County Sheriff Gary Schuette presented a jail proposal to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing – FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Public hearing on the City’s fiscal year 2022-2023 proposed budget (Copy available on the City’s website).

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte 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 asked a question regarding road repair funding.

No further comments being offered, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell. 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:

A. Accept and place on file, the CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through March 31, 2022

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through March 31, 2022. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of April 19, 2022.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 20, 2022

Approve the minutes of the special City Council Meeting of April 20, 2022.

C. Informational - Ex-officio appointment to the Racial Equity Commission

Advise City Council of the appointment of Heather Truman as an ex-officio member of the Racial Equity Commission for a three-year term.

D. Appointment to Youth Council

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Zoe Zientek to fill a vacancy on the Youth Council for a term of three years, expiring on 5/31/25.

E. Appointment to Racial Equity Commission

Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Katima Dickenson to fill a vacancy on the Racial Equity Commission for a term of three years, expiring on 12/31/24.

F. Resignation from the Historic District Commission

Accept with regret, the resignation of Chair Anton Raykovich from the Historic District Commission effective immediately, and thank him for his years of service to the City of Jackson.

G. Personnel Policy Amendments

Approve the amendments to the City of Jackson Personnel Policy for employees.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the consent calendar with the removal of Item G for separate consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Forgrave with the removal of Item A for separate consideration. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022. Councilmember Bunnell stated that she would be abstaining from the vote. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Abstention: Councilmember Bunnell. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to postpone the Personnel Policy Amendments to the May 24, 2022 regular meeting. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, East Pipe Gallery Improvements Contract

Recommendation: *Approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, East Pipe Gallery Improvements Contract with Fishbeck of Lansing, MI, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$54,000 and authorization for the City Manager and Director of Public Works to sign the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, East Pipe Gallery Improvements Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, Storm Pump Building Upgrades Contract

Recommendation: *Approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, Storm Pump Building Upgrades Contract with Fishbeck of Lansing, MI, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$68,000 and authorization for the City Manager and Director of Public Works to sign the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration Storm Pump Building Upgrades Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, Myrtle Street Lift Station Upgrades Contract

Recommendation: *Approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration, Myrtle Street Lift Station Upgrades Contract with Fishbeck of Lansing, MI, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$93,000, and authorization for the City Manager and Director of Public Works to sign the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering and Project Administration Myrtle Street Lift Station Upgrades Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for the addition of 10 new streetlights

Recommendation: *Approve the Resolution for Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for ten streetlights with Consumers Energy and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for the addition of 10 new streetlights. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Amendment 1 to the 21-001 Trail Lighting Engineering Contract

Recommendation: *Approval of Amendment 1 to the 21-001 Trail Lighting Engineering contract with Mannik Smith Group (MSG) of Okemos, MI, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$7,631.59, and authorization for the City manager and City Engineer to sign the appropriate document. .*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve Amendment 1 to the 21-001 Trail Lighting Engineering Contract. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

F. Dismiss balance due/homeowner rehabilitation loan/740 N. Waterloo

Recommendation: *Request for forgiveness of rehabilitation loan at 740 N. Waterloo in the amount of \$10,039.50.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to dismiss the balance due homeowner rehabilitation loan at 740 N. Waterloo. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

G. Department of Neighborhood and Economic Operations (NEO) Name Change

Recommendation: *Approve an ordinance renaming the City's existing Department of Neighborhood and Economic Operations to the "Community Development Department". This shall include all code sections that Department of Neighborhood and Economic Operations is referenced.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the Department of Neighborhood and Economic Operations (NEO) name change. 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, Councilmembers Gunn and Schlecte offered comments. Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Bunnell, and Forgrave declined to offer comments.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

City Manager Jonathan Greene offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No other 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 7:51 p.m.