



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

October 26 , 2021

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Jackson City Council met in regular session and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:**

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Arlene Robinson.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Vice Mayor/1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember Jeromy Alexander, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Laura Dwyer Schlecte, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Karen Bunnell, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Will Forgrave.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Public Works Mike Osborne, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 11J – Affordable Housing Ordinance. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **A. JXN Harm Reduction**

A presentation was made by Jamin Bradley of JXN Harm Reduction.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **A. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan**

*Conduct a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments for Substantial Amendment 1 of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, approve the resolution, and authorize submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*

1. *Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Year 47) HOME Investment Budget.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and authorize submission the HUD. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **B. Conduct a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District**

1. *Resolution Creating an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 906 E. Pearl Street in the City of Jackson.*

*Councilmember Schlecte announced that she would be abstaining from the vote and stated that she did not believe there was a conflict of interest but she did not want there to be an appearance of a conflict of interest.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve a resolution creating an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 906 E. Pearl Street in the City of Jackson. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Abstain: Councilmember Schlecte. Motion carried.

### **C. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application Submitted by Demmar, LLC**

1. *Resolution Approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application.*

Motion was made Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to adopt a resolution approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application for Demmar, LLC. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Alexander (1). Motion carried.

**D. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Obsolete to Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application Submitted by Allen Lofts, LLC**

1. *Resolution Approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Application.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the resolution approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application for Allen Lofts, LLC. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Alexander (1). Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

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

**A. City of Jackson Financial Statements as of and for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2021**

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to accept and place on file the City of Jackson Financial Statements as of and for the three months ended September 30, 2021. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021**

*Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 12, 2021.*

**B. Special Event Application – 2022 Hot Air Jubilee**

*Approve a request from Jacqueline Austin & Dean Anderson to host the 2022 Hot Air Jubilee on July 21-24, 2022 in Ella Sharp Park.*

**C. Special Event Application – Downtown Jackson Christmas Parade**

*Approve a request from the Christmas parade committee to host the Downtown Jackson Christmas Parade on November 19, 2021 in downtown Jackson.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the consent calendar. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

### **A. Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance**

**Recommendation:** *Move to refer to Environmental Commission for review.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to refer the Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance to the Environmental Commission for review. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **B. Living Wage Ordinance**

**Recommendation:** *Move to adopt first reading and advance to second reading and final adoption, the proposed Living Wage Ordinance for the City of Jackson.*

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the first reading and advance to a second reading/final adoption the revised Living Wage Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to table the Living Wage Ordinance until a date not certain. Vote – Yeas: Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander (3). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (4). Motion failed.

Vote was taken on the main motion. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies and Councilmember Forgrave (2). Nays: Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell (5). Motion failed.

### **C. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2021-13**

**Recommendation:** *Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13 to amend Section 16-514 of Chapter 16 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances to increase the number of Marijuana Facility Licenses permitted.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-13. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### **A. Renewal of Training Consortium Agreement**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium agreement for an additional three-year period, 1/1/22 – 12/31/25.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium agreement for an additional three-year period, 1/1/22 – 12/31/25. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **B. Purchase of Vehicles for the Jackson Police Department**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the purchase of three patrol utility vehicles through the MiDeal contract and one administrative vehicle.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the purchase of three patrol utility vehicles through the MiDeal contract and one administrative vehicle. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **C. Dismiss the Balance of the City's Portion of the Emergency Hazard Rehabilitation Loan in the Amount of \$16,658.89**

**Recommendation:** *Dismiss the balance of the City's portion of the Emergency Rehabilitation Loan in the amount of \$16,658.89 for the residence located at 1405 Cooper Street, belonging to Ilias (deceased) and Lourdes Anastasiadis.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to dismiss the balance of the City's portion of the Emergency Rehabilitation Loan in the amount on \$16,658.89 for the residence located at 1405 Cooper Street belonging to Ilias and Lourdes Anastasiadis. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **D. Amend FY 21/22 Budget**

**Recommendation:** *Amend FY 21/22 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditures associated with the Byrne JAG grant.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to amend the FY 21/22 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditures associated with the Byrne JAG grant. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**E. City of Jackson Downtown Sidewalks and Parking Lots Snow Removal and Police Department Sidewalk and Parking Lot Snow Removal**

**Recommendation:** *Approval of a one-year contract with Executive Property Management of Michigan for downtown sidewalks and parking lot snow removal and Police Department sidewalk and parking lot snow removal at an estimated cost of \$85,166.00 for fiscal year 2021/22.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve a one-year contract with Executive Property Management of Michigan for downtown sidewalks and parking lot snow removal and Police Department sidewalk and parking lot snow removal at an estimated cost of \$85,166.00 for fiscal year 2021/22. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**F. Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy for the addition of streetlights in various locations**

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the resolution for changes to the standard lighting contract for various streetlight installation with Consumers Energy and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**G. Purchase and Installation of Generator for DPW Building**

**Recommendation:** *Award the purchase and installation of a Kohler 500REOZJC generator for the Department of Public Works building located at 421 Water Street. Purchase and installation will be provided by Corby Energy Services, Incorporated, in the amount of \$124,975.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to award the purchase and installation of a Kohler 500REOZJC generator for the Department of Public Works building located at 421 Water Street by Corby Energy Services, Incorporated in the amount of \$124,975. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **H. Modification of Planning and Zoning Fees**

**Recommendation:** *Modify the Planning and Zoning Fee schedule, specific to the addition of a fee for zoning permits, zoning compliance certificate and zoning letter.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve a resolution modifying the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule, specific to the addition of a fee for zoning permits, zoning compliance certificate, and zoning letter. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: Councilmember Forgrave (1). Motion carried.

## **I. Adoption of the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes Square Foot Cost Table**

**Recommendation:** *Approve a resolution amending the NEO Department building permit fees, by adopting the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes square foot construction cost table. As approved by the Construction Code Commission February 12, 2013.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve a resolution amending the NEO Department building permit fees by adopting the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes square foot construction cost table. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **J. Affordable Housing Package**

**Recommendation:** *Move to approve and advance to second reading and final adoption an ordinance creating an Affordable Housing Development Authority and a Housing Trust Fund for the City of Jackson to address housing instability and affordability; to make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council on programs, policies, and projects to create safe, dignified, and affordable housing options in the City of Jackson; and, contingent upon final passage of the ordinance, obligate \$3,500,000 to the Housing Trust Fund to provide for the preservation and development of affordable housing.*

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Dancy Move to approve and advance to second reading and final adoption an ordinance creating an Affordable Housing Development Authority and a Housing Trust Fund for the City of Jackson to address housing instability and affordability; to make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council on programs, policies, and projects to create safe, dignified, and affordable

housing options in the City of Jackson; and, contingent upon final passage of the ordinance, obligate \$3,500,000 to the Housing Trust Fund to provide for the preservation and development of affordable housing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to table the item. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers, Alexander, Schlecte, and Bunnell (3). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy and Forgrave (4). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to postpone the item until the November 9, 2021 City Council Meeting. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Schlecte (1). Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Schlecte all offered comments. Councilmembers Bunnell and Forgrave 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 Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Alexander. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.