



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
November 23 , 2021

**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 Derek J. Dobies.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:**

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Third Ward Councilmember Jeromy Alexander.

**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.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, 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 Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to adopt the agenda with the amendment of the addition of 5A-Presentation/Proclamation. Vote - Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

City Manager Jonathan Greene presented a plaque and proclamation to Mayor Dobies and Councilmember Alexander to acknowledge their service on Council. Representative Julie Alexander presented Mayor Dobies and Councilmember Alexander with a State of Michigan Special Tribute.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** none.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2021**

*Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of November 9, 2021.*

**B. Accept with regret, the resignation of Julie Koleszar from the Public Arts Commission, effectively immediately.**

**C. Reappointment to the Board of Review**

*Approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint David Taylor to the Board of Review to serve a 3-year term, beginning February 1, 2022 and ending on January 31, 2025*

**D. Special Event Application for the Christmas in the City Shopping Event**

*Approve a request from the Jackson Downtown Development Authority to host the Christmas in the City shopping event on Saturday, December 4, 2021 in downtown Jackson.*

**E. Special Event Application for the 2022 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

*Approve a request from Experience Jackson to conduct the 2021 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday, July 22 – Sunday, July 24, 2022 on the streets of downtown Jackson.*

**F. Special Event Application for the Fall Fest & Chili Classic**

*Approve a request from the Downtown Development Authority and McKibbin Media to host the Fall Fest & Chili Classic on October 1, 2022 in downtown Jackson.*

**G. Resolution for Allen Lofts, LLC OPRA Application**

*Approve a resolution establishing a time period authorized by the City for completion of construction as it pertains to the OPRA application approved by Council on October 26, 2021.*

**H. Resolution for Demmar, LLC OPRA Application**

*Approve a resolution establishing a time period authorized by the City for completion of construction as it pertains to the OPRA application approved by Council on October 26, 2021.*

**I. Approve the Point System Used to Evaluate Class C Marihuana License Applications**

*Approve the point system rubric used by the marihuana licensing review committee to review applications deemed complete by the City Clerk, for marihuana facilities and/or adult use establishments. Pursuant to Section 16-515(b) of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances (License Application Committee).*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the consent calendar.

Councilmember Dancy requested that Item I - Approve the Point System Used to Evaluate Class C Marihuana License Applications be removed for separate consideration.

Vote was taken on the consent calendar with the removal of Item 9I. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the point system rubric used by the Marihuana Licensing Review Committee to review applications deemed complete by the City Clerk, for marihuana facilities and/or adult use establishments. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-14**

**Recommendation:** *Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-14 creating an Affordable Housing Development Authority and a Housing Trust Fund for the City of Jackson*

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the final adoption of an ordinance, as amended, creating an

Affordable Housing Development Board and an Affordable Housing 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.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to postpone until the December 7, 2021 Council meeting. Vote – Yea: Councilmembers Alexander and Schlecte (2). Nays: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Bunnell, and Forgrave (5). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte to accept the changes to the ordinance as described in the email that (she) sent out. Motion died from a lack of a second.

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

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to obligate \$3,500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to Affordable Housing Fund to provide for the preservation and development of affordable housing. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to authorize the City Manager to utilize up to \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds towards the immediate redevelopment of City-owned homes in the City of Jackson for affordable housing to low-income families and the rapid re-housing of persons within the City. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Resolution Amending the Rates for Housing Code Inspections and Registration**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the attached resolution amending the rates for housing code inspections and registration rates of non-owner occupied residential properties.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Mayor Dobies to approve the resolution amending the rates for housing code inspections and registration rates of non-owner occupied residential properties.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded for discussion by Councilmember Forgrave to amend the resolution to change the fee for the initial housing inspection and ninety day re-inspection for a one unit from \$340 to \$299, the fee for the initial housing and ninety day re-inspection for a two unit from \$640 to \$599, to omit the additional fee of \$50 per building for any property that contains more than one building, to change the fee for a third inspection from \$140 to \$99, to change the fee for a fourth inspection or above from \$165 to \$199, and to change the fee for an administrative hearing bureau compliance inspection from \$165 to \$199.

Councilmember Schlecte stated that she would be abstaining from the vote and discussion because of a conflict of interest. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Abstain: Councilmember Schlecte. Motion carried.

Vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Abstain: Councilmember Schlecte. Motion carried.

**B. Changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for Streetlights with Consumers Energy for the Addition of New Streetlights on Carroll Avenue**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the resolution for changes to the standard lighting contract for streetlights with Consumers Energy and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the resolution for changes to the Standard Lighting Contract for Streetlight with Consumers Energy for the addition of new streetlights on Carroll Avenue. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**C. Approve the Sale of City Owned Property Located at 1220 Williams Street for \$15,000.00**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the sale of City owned property located at 1220 Williams Street, to Enrique Galves and Alioski Munoz for \$15,000. Authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the Property Transfer and to make minor modifications.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the sale of City owned property located at 1220 Williams Street to Enrique Galves and Alioski Munoz for \$15,000 and

authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the property transfer and to make minor modifications. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**D. Quit Claim Deed to Transfer of Portions of Road Rights of Way Sparks Foundation Park to County of Jackson**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the Quit Claim Deed to Transfer of Portions of Road Rights of Way around the Sparks Foundation Park to County of Jackson and authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the quit claim deed to transfer portions of road rights of way around the Sparks Foundation Park to County of Jackson and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate document. Vote – Yea: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**E. Approve Personnel Policy Amendments**

**Recommendation:** *Approve to amend Personnel Policy Section XVI-1 (A.) – Holidays by adopting the federal holiday June 19 (Juneteenth) as a City paid holiday for all regular, full-time City employees not covered by a labor agreement.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy Section XVI-1(A.)- Holidays by adopting the federal holiday June 19 (Juneteenth) as a City paid holiday for all regular, full-time City employees not covered by a labor agreement. Vote – Yea: 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, 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 Dobies adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
December 1 , 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jackson City Council met in regular session 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 Pastor Billy Pierce, Jr. from United Peoples Community Church.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilmember Arlene Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember Angelita Gunn, 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, Chief Equity Officer John Willis, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Deputy Director of Police Sergio Garcia.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.



**THE CITY CLERK WILL ADMINISTER THE OATHS OF OFFICE:**

- A. Fifth Ward, Karen Bunnell
- B. Third Ward, Angelita Gunn
- C. First Ward, Arlene Robinson
- D. Mayor Daniel J. Mahoney

City Clerk Andrea Muray administered the oaths of office and the meeting continued.

**SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to select Councilmember Robinson as the Vice Mayor. Vote – Yea: Mayor Mahoney, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**SELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to select Councilmember Forgrave as Parliamentarian. Vote – Yea: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, and Bunnell (6). Nays: none. Abstain: Councilmember Forgrave. Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

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

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

City Manager Jonathan Green offered comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No other business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave. Vote – Yea: Mayor Mahoney, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Gunn, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.