

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MAY 05, 2020**

**INVOCATION:** COUNCILMAN MARKEL WHITTINGTON

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** COUNCILMAN TRAVIS BEARD

**CALL TO ORDER:** COUNCILWOMAN NETTIE DAVIS

### **ROLL CALL:**

WARD 1	MARKEL WHITTINGTON
WARD 2	LYNN BRYAN
WARD 3	TRAVIS BEARD
WARD 4	NETTIE DAVIS
WARD 5	BUDDY PALMER
WARD 6	MIKE BRYAN
WARD 7	WILLIE JENNINGS

### **CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order.

### **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA**

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR NURSES MONTH AND POLICE WEEK**

The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Nurses Month (**EXHIBIT A**) and a Proclamation for Police Department Week (**EXHIBIT B**).

#### **RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS**

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

#### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Councilman Jennings encouraged all to take the COVID-19 precautions seriously and consider all those around them.

## MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor discussed the COVID-19 updates and reminded everyone that the current COVID-19 information is on the City's website: [tupeloms.gov](http://tupeloms.gov). He also announced that National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 7, 2020 (virtual observance via Facebook Live at 11:30 AM).

### **(CLOSE REGULAR MEETING OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA)**

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

### APPEALS

### CITIZEN HEARING

### **(CLOSE PUBLIC AGENDA AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION)**

## **ACTION AGENDA**

## **ROUTINE AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2020 AND REGULAR MEETING APR 21, 2020**

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Mike Bryan, to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting dated April 16, 2020 and the Regular Meeting dated April 21, 2020. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

Council members Nettie Davis, Markel Whittington, Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer, along with Traci Dillard reviewed the bills for payment. **EXHIBIT C**

Councilman M Bryan moved to approve the payment of bills and utility adjustments, as presented. Councilman Beard seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0 in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT D**

## **IN THE MATTER OF FAIRPARK PHASE IV UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Residential Underground Utilities engineering agreement with Allen & Hoshall for Fairpark Phase IV. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT E**

## **IN THE MATTER OF FAIRPARK PHASE IV ENGINEERING CONTRACT**

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the contract for Engineering Services with Cook Coggin Engineers. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT F**

## **IN THE MATTER OF RENAMING IDA STREET**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings to approve the RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGING THE NAME OF IDA STREET TO IDA B. WELLS STREET IN HONOR OF MS. IDA B. WELLS. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT G**

## **IN THE MATTER OF DONATION OF SEGWAY**

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the acceptance of the donation of a Segway from Central Segway with no expense to the City – SN PN23756-00001. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT H**

## **IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BID 2020-004PW**

The reverse bid process was followed to obtain the cost for 'Hot Mix - 12 Month Source of Supply'. Only one bidder participated in the process. Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to find the sole bid commercially reasonable, that other bidders had notice and opportunity to bid and to award Bid 2020-004PW - Hotmix to APAC Mississippi for 12 months. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT I**

## **IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE AIRPORT'S CARES GRANT**

Airport Director Cliff Nash, requested that the City of Tupelo accept the Airport's CARES Grant in the amount of \$1,055,781.00. There is no match required from the City. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to accept the CARES grant. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **EXHIBIT J**

**(CLOSE REGULAR SESSION)**

## **STUDY AGENDA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS REGARDING PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASING OF LANDS UNDER MISS. CODE ANNO. § 25-41-7 (g) (1972 AS AMENDED)**

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to determine the need for an Executive Session. City Attorney Ben Logan submitted that the following topic was an acceptable item for Executive Session:

**TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS REGARDING PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASING OF LANDS UNDER MISS. CODE ANNO. § 25-41-7 (g) (1972 AS AMENDED)**

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to enter executive session. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor, and the city council and invited members of the administration went into executive session at 6:20 PM.

After a lengthy discussion of several properties, Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to return to the Regular Council Meeting. The vote was 7 – 0 in favor, and the open meeting resumed at 7:40 PM.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to give the authority to Mayor Shelton to execute a purchase contract with Mill Village Lumberyard, LLC, for the purchase of the former Gravlee Lumber building and lot at 320 Spring Street and the former Tupelo Ice Plant building and lot located on the 400 block and west side of Broadway Street for \$410,000.00, such contract to be ratified by the city council at a subsequent meeting. The vote was 6-1, with Councilman Palmer casting the dissenting vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor.

This the 5th day of May, 2020.

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Nettie Davis, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Jason Shelton, Mayor

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Date