

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DECEMBER 3, 2024

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members were in attendance: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston, and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Chad Mims gave the prayer, and Council Member Travis Beard led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Kim Hanna, City Clerk/CFO, for 30 years of service.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Travis Beard gave recognized the Tupelo Park and Recreation team for the Lighting at Ballard Park, Kim Hanna and Missy Shelton for the decorations in Council chambers and the 2nd floor foyer and Chuck Williams for his retirement from the City Public Works Department.

Council Member Lynn Bryan thanked Mayor Jordan and his staff for addressing the scavenger bird, (buzzard) problem. The Park and Wildlife Department has plans to address the issue on Thursday of this week.

Council Member Buddy Palmer congratulated Kim Hanna for her 30 years of service with the City of Tupelo. He also invited everyone to attend his presentation and exhibit of Native American stone artifacts at the Oren Dunn Museum.

Council Member Rosie Jones congratulated her youngest daughter on graduating from Jackson State University.

Council Member Chad Mims thanked Chuck Williams for all the help he has been as Public Works Director and recognized Kelly Knight for his new role as Public Works Director.

Council Member Nettie Davis thanked all those involved in the recent Thanksgiving Day program held at the Link Centre. She commented on the spectacular sight of Ballard Park lit up with all the Christmas

decorations. She invited everyone to attend the NAACP banquet scheduled for December 14. Finally, she thanked Chuck Williams and congratulated him on his retirement.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan congratulated the Tupelo High School Football team for being in the 7A State Championship game on Thursday, December 5th. He encouraged everyone to attend the game, if possible. He also reminded everyone of the Tupelo Christmas Parade slated for Friday, December 6.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared for the public hearing for the final lot-mowing list.

CITIZEN HEARING

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to suspend the rules and allow Mr. Charles Moore to speak. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Charles Moore addressed the City Council concerning the role of the community, local businesses, and the city in crime prevention.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on November 19, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Mims and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FOR FY 2025

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Budget Amendment #2 for fiscal year 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sec. 21-19-11. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS OF ATTACHMENT OF A FIXED ASSET ITEM FOR SCRAP

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the surplus of a broken mower deck of X-Mark mower # 16951, and to scrap it. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL DONATING FUND FOR FLAGS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a donation of \$5,000 from the Tupelo Sports Council. The funds are for the purchase of flags at the Veterans Memorial Park. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2024

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the October 21, 2024 minutes of the Cadence Bank Arena. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the November 5, 2024 minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY -- BALLARD PARK

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the ratification of a lease between the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Airport Authority – Ballard Park. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI APPROVING THE OF AND AUTHORIZING THE OF A DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND TARGET CORPORATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to table this item. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS TA-23-01

This item will stay on the study agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session is for the possible purchase of property for economic development under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(a) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to close the regular session and enter executive session possible purchase of property for economic development under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(a) (1972 as amended) at 6:27 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. At this time, those attending the Executive Session moved to Conference Room B on the first floor of City Hall.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to return to the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 3rd day of December, 2024.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date