

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**APRIL 1, 2025**

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palme, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Nettie Davis asked Kelly Knight to give the invocation and Council Member Janet Gaston led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to confirm the agenda, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR AUXILIARY WEEK**

Mrs. Allie West and Mrs. Kelly Mathis accepted a proclamation from Mayor Todd Jordan declaring the week of April 6-12, 2025, as National Junior Auxiliary Week.

APPENDIX A

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Members Chad Mims and Janet Gaston wished everyone running for office in tonight's election good luck.

Council Member Rosie Jones thanked all the department heads for what they do.

Council Member Travis Beard mentioned the two events held last weekend – Vietnam Memorial Ceremony and the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Council Member Nettie Davis also wished the best for those running for office and for the City of Tupelo.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan said that Bud and Burgers has been postponed to April 11, due to the possibility of bad weather. He also wished everyone good luck tonight.

### **IN THE MATTER OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

No one appeared concerning this public hearing.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE DEVELOPMENT CODE**

No one appeared concerning this public hearing.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2025, MEETING**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025, regular Council meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BANK ACCOUNTS-TIF BONDS 2024**

Council Member Gaston recused herself before any discussion of this item.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve an 'Order of the Governing Authorities of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi Authorizing the Opening of a New Account of Cadence Bank for the Placement of Proceeds from the Issuance of Series 2025 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bonds (Tupelo Commons Project)'. Of those present in the meeting, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

Council Member Gaston rejoined the meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID NO. 2025-009PW COLEY ROAD CURB & GUTTER (MCCULLOUGH BLVD TO RIDGEWAY DRIVE)**

City Engineer Dennis Bonds requested that the Council reject all bids on Bid 2025-009PW – Coley Road Curb and Gutter (McCullough Blvd to Ridgeway Drive). The bidders failed to attend the required pre-bid meeting, therefore making it impossible to open the bids. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to reject this bid. The vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bid. APPENDIX D

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER FOR MCCULLOUGH BLVD IMPROVEMENTS BID NO 2024-007PW**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve final summary change order for Bid # 2025-007PW – McCullough Blvd Improvements. This change order is an increase of \$16,697.37 making a final contract price of \$629,462.85. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BID # 2025-007FD – CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #5**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded for Council Member Beard, to approve a contract for bid # 2025-007FD – Construction of Fire Station #5 with Southland Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,196,306.00. This bid was awarded at the March 18, 2025, Council meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

**IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FIXED ASSET ITEMS FOR AUCTION MAY 2025**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the surplus of items no longer needed for use by the City of Tupelo Park and Recreation Department, as listed in APPENDIX G, for auction. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the surplus of items no longer needed for use by the Tupelo Water & Light Department, as listed in APPENDIX H, for auction. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE TWL VERONA LS/GSL & FEEMSTER LAKE GSL REPLACEMENT (BID NO. 2024-046WL) ARPA**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve change order #1 for ARPA Bid # 2024-046WL – Verona LS/GSL & Feemster Lake GSL Replacement. This change order increases the contract time by 60 days. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 2 FOR THE TUPELO SWPS SEWER LINE (BID NO. 2024-036WL) ARPA**

Council member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve change order #2 for ARPA Bid # 2024-036WL – Tupelo SWPS Sewer Line. This change order increases the contract amount by \$11,947.00 for a contract amount of \$1,129,924.05. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, LEE COUNTY MISSISSIPPI AND TARGET CORPORATION**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; ADJUDICATING INSUFFICIENT OBJECTION AT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; APPROVING AND ADOPTING SUCH THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

This item was unanimously moved to the action agenda for the next regular Council meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE DEVELOPMENT CODE**

This item was unanimously moved to the action agenda for the next regular Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.

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Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date