

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members 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 Rosie Jones gave the invocation. Council Member Chad Mims led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Buddy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the following changes:

ADD ITEM: # 21 In The Matter Of Approval to Submit 2021 MDOT TA Program Grant Application for Ward 7

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Davis thanked the City of Tupelo for the support of the memorial celebration and services for gospel singing legend, Lee Williams, a Tupelo native. She also mentioned that Sam Bell, a native of Tupelo and friend of Elvis Presley, recently passed and asked that everyone remember his family in their prayers.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan thanked Fire Chief Jimmy Avery for the success of the stair climb held on September 11, 2021 in memory of the firefighters who participated or lost their lives on 9-11 2001. He introduced Leigh Ann Mattox with the Park and Recreation Department who surprised four Special Olympics athletes with the news that they had been selected to attend the Special Olympics USA Games in June of 2022 in Orlando, Florida. They are as follow: Dana Ellis - Swim Team Member; Madison Dennis - Swim Team Member; Gregory Hutson - Swim Team

Member; Taylor Rosethal - Golf Team Member. The athletes received balloons, t-shirts and certificates.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

A public hearing was held for the following properties concerning lot mowing:

Parcel Location

077L3604800 507 EXCHANGE ST
088Q3407600 1802 MARTIN HILL DR
112U0900300 1951 S EASON BLVD
089N3100601 123 S INDUSTRIAL RD
089P3120500 522 1/2 MAPLE ST
106A1402200 2709 EVANS CIR
105D1503500 3064 MOORE AVE
105D1505100 3091 MOORE AVE
089F3005600 536 WALKER ST
075R2204800 3576 FAIR OAKS DR
112C0305000 1706 TULIP RD
075V2206300 2091 SPRINGFIELD DR
075V2206100 2081 SPRINGFIELD DR
077G2502800 1303 BIENVILLE ST
079V3209600 151 HARVESTER'S SQ
079V3209500 157 HARVESTER'S SQ
079V3209700 143 HARVESTER'S SQ

No one appeared to speak on any of these properties

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION

A public hearing for demolition of the following properties was convened:

206 Rea St.
3492 Robert Kennedy

No one appeared to speak on these properties.

CITIZEN HEARING

REQUEST TO SPEAK - LINZY PATTERSON - ICC

Mr. Linzy Patterson, Director of Adult Education at the ICC Belden campus, talked to the Council about the importance of the adult education department at ICC. He also invited them to attend a tour of the Belden campus on Thursday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on September 7, 2021, and the Special Called meeting on September 15, 2021.. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Travis Beard, Lynn Bryan, Chad Mims and Buddy Palmer, Accounts Payable Clerk, Traci Dillard and TWL Director Johnny Timmons. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, 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 Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF FY 2021 PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Petty Cash Accounts for FY2022 as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF LUCAS BERRYHILL TO POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council member Beard to approve the appointment of Lucas Berryhill to the Police Advisory Board for a 3-year term. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT 2021 MDOT TA PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Writer Abby Christian addressed the Council requesting approval to submit an application for the MDOT Transportation Assistance (TA) Program grant which will be used for sidewalks from Academy Sports north on Gloster to the Trace Ridge and Pines apartments and from Academy Sports south on Gloster and east on Barnes Crossing to Thompson Square (Kroger). The \$340,740 project will be funded 80% by MDOT in the amount of \$272,592 and a 20% match by the city in the amount of \$68,148.09. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the submission of the application. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PROGRAM PHASE VII ENGINEERING CONTRACT

On September 7, 2021, the Council approved an engineering contract with Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to ratify the contract with Engineering Solutions, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the final lot mowing list, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE/REJECT ACTION TO DEMOLISH SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the demolition list, as presented. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to suspend the rules and allow Teresa Norwood to speak concerning the property located at 206 Rea Street. The vote was unanimous in favor. Ms. Norwood explained the probate and family issues that are ongoing at this time. She was encouraged to speak with Tanner Newman for a possible solution. President Palmer then called for a vote on the motion to approve the demolition list. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 115 HIGHLAND DRIVE, PARCEL NO. 077Q-36-086-01, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TO NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANNO. SECTIONS 21-17-1(3) (b) AND 21-17-1(11)

Because Council Member Janet Gaston is a member of the Habitat for Humanity Board, she recused herself from the deliberation and left council chambers for the next four issues relating to Habitat for Humanity. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to

approve the surplus of the property located at 115 Highland Drive, Parcel # 077Q-36-086-01, which is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo, and to donate the property to Habitat for Humanity pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. Sections 21-17-1(3)(b) and 21-17-1(11). The vote was, as follows: AYE - Mims, Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jones. Gaston was not present to vote. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 LUMPKIN AVENUE PARCEL NO. 077L-36-157-00, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TO NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANNO. SECTIONS 21-17-1(3) (b) AND 21-17-1(11)

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the surplus of the property located at 318 Lumpkin Avenue, Parcel #077L-36-157-00, which is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo, and to donate the property to Habitat for Humanity pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. Sections 21-17-1(3)(b) and 21-17-1(11). The vote was, as follows: AYE - Mims, Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jones. Gaston was not present to vote APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2001 NELLE STREET PARCEL NO. 077L-36-156-00, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TO NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANNO. SECTIONS 21-17-1(3) (b) AND 21-17-1(11)

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the surplus of the property located at 2001 Nelle Street, Parcel # 077L-36-156-00, which is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo, and to donate the property to Habitat for Humanity pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. Sections 21-17-1(3)(b) and 21-17-1(11). The vote was, as follows: AYE - Mims, Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jones. Gaston was not present to vote. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 323 MONUMENT DRIVE PARCEL NO. 101B-02-138-00, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TO NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANNO. SECTIONS 21-17-1(3) (b) AND 21-17-1(11)

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the surplus of the property located at 323 Monument Drive, Parcel # 101B-02-138-00, which is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo, and to donate the property to Habitat for Humanity pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. Sections 21-17-1(3)(b) and 21-17-1(11). The vote was, as follows: AYE - Mims, Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jones. Gaston was not present to vote. APPENDIX L

After this item was complete, Council Member Janet Gaston returned to the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE PACE GROUP FOR RECRUITMENT OF CITY PLANNER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the contract between the City of Tupelo and The Pace Group, for the recruitment of a City Planner. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF LIST OF CURRENT UNMARKED VEHICLES

Police Chief Jackie Clayton submitted a current list of vehicles that the Tupelo Police Department maintains as of September 14, 2021, and asked that the Council approve a "Resolution Declaring Certain Police Vehicles, Which Are Suited for Use, Used and Available for Use on a Continuing Basis to Facilitate Covert Investigative Activities to be Exempted from Vehicle Marking Requirements Set Forth by Miss. Code Anno. 25-1-87 (1972 as Amended)". Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Davis to approve the resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE RFP #2021-013CO POINT OF SALE SYSTEM

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the coliseum's RFP # 2021-013CO - Point of Sale System to select *fiserv* as the highest scored and most qualified proponent. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINS SEPT 8, 2021

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the CVB minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT 2021 MDOT TA PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR WARD 7

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous at 6:40 p.m.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date