

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 16, 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, November 2, 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 Travis Beard gave the invocation and Council Member Lynn Bryan 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 Jones, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the following change:

DELETE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MDR PROJECT

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Jones welcomed and thanked her daughter for attending the meeting.

Council Member Davis invited everyone to attend the Community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 18, at 11:45 at the Link Centre.

Council Member Palmer mentioned the Veteran's Day program that was held on November 11 in the Aquatic Center due to rain. He said there was good attendance.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving next Thursday. The downtown open house was a success with a lot of visitors and shoppers in the downtown area on Saturday. There was a corn hole tournament at the Tupelo Furniture Market last Saturday with 340 players participating. 300 of those players were from out of state.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE

No one was present to speak concerning the public hearing for the amendment to the development code.
APPENDIX A

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on November 2, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Chad Mims, Travis Beard, Lynn Bryan and Janet Gaston, along with Johnny Timmons and Traci Dillard. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR THOROUGHFARE FUND VII

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna appeared to the Council requesting to open a new bank account for Thoroughfare Phase VII at the Trustmark National Bank. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the opening of the bank account. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF REDEMPTION RESOLUTION-BANC OF AMERICA

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY") AUTHORIZING, DIRECTING AND APPROVING THE PREPAYMENT AND PURCHASE OPTION OF THAT CERTAIN \$4,353,000 EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, DATES AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2015, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND BANC OF AMERICA PUBLIC CAPITAL CORP, IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN ENERGY SERVICES PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AGREEMENT UNDERTAKEN TO FINANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN CITY FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. The vote was unanimous in favor and the Resolution is attached to these Minutes as APPENDIX D.

IN THE MATTER OF WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY FUNDS #12

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the request of draw number 12 for the purchase of a total workstation to operate the previously requested fingerprint system for the Tupelo Police Department. These funds are collected by the Municipal Court and settled to the

State of Mississippi each month. Funds are held by the Department of Public Safety to be used by the Tupelo Police Department for purchases that are made in accordance with House Bill 469 of 2001. The vote was unanimous in favor of draw number 11. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AWARD RFP 2021-028BA TO CONVERGEONE

Request for proposals, #2021-028BA, were received by the deadline of October 20, 2021, for a Managed Detection and Response solution. After an evaluation based on the factors set forth in the proposal solicitation, Robert Kiste, Technology Services Manager, advised the Council that the selection committee evaluated CoverageOne as the best qualified proposal, and he recommended they be awarded the contract. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the request. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept the Planning Committee minutes of November 1, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID FOR SKATE PARK RENOVATIONS

Tupelo Park and Recreation Director Alex Farned requested that the bids for the Skate Park Renovations, Bid # 2021-031PR, be rejected because all bids exceeded the budget for the project. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to reject the bids. The vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bids. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BANCORPSOUTH ARENA SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to accept the Bancorpsouth Arena special called meeting minutes of November 2, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINS NOVEMBER 8, 2021

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF TRA MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the minutes of the TRA meeting on November 10, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION OF LEGGETT & PLATT COMPONENTS #0341, 0908 AND 4201

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt Components Company #0341, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning the 1st day of January 2021 and ending the 31st day of December 2030, with a total true value of \$66,407.00; the Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt Components Company #0908, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning the 1st day of January 2021 and ending the 31st day of December 2030, with a total true value of \$61,846.00; and the Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt Components Company #4201, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning the 1st day of January 2021 and ending the 31st day of December 2030, with a total true value of \$650,281.00. The City Council originally approved resolutions granting these exemptions on May 18, 2021, and the Department of Revenue Office, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions, & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated October 20, 2021, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. The vote was unanimous in favor. An executed copy of the Final Resolutions is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as APPENDIX K.

STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING RZ 21-04, OFF WEST JACKSON EXTENDED

The Council directed that the item, "In the Matter of Rezoning RZ 21-04, Off West Jackson Extended", be moved to the Routine Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the purpose of prospective expansion or relocating of industry and transactions dealing with leasehold interests in city owned property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (g) (j) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:17 p.m.

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of the expansion or relocation of industry under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (b) (g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to return to the regular meeting at 6:39 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES FROM SIGNIFY TO THRELKELD

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to authorize Mayor Jordan, on behalf of the City of Tupelo, to execute consent to assignment of leases from Signify to Threlkeld Enterprises. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF POST-CLOSING RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT
FOR SIGNIFY**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to authorize Mayor Jordan, on behalf of the City of Tupelo, to execute post-closing, right of entry agreement for the benefit of Signify, subject to later ratification of City Council of final form of the government. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 16th day of November, 2021.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date