

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Scott Conger and Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Johnny Dodd; Russ McKelvey; Gary Pickens; Ross Priddy; Paul Taylor; and Marda Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Conger called upon Councilmember Brooks who gave special recognition to participants of the Jackson State Community College's QUEST Mentoring Program.

Councilmember David Cisco gave the invocation and Councilmember Gary Pickens led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the July 2, 2019, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Conger gave special recognition to members of the Jackson UnderDawgs Basketball Team and their Head Coach for their participation in the Basketball Tournament Championship, broadcast by ESPN.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to annex, a Resolution to adopt a Plan of Service, and three (3) Ordinances to zone an area referred to as "Summit," generally described as being located along the 4300 Block of U.S. 45 North, north of Jack Exum Road, comprising 95.5± acres, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. The proposed zonings for this annexation area are B-5 (Highway Business) District and RS-1/PRD/FH (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development/FH) District. Mayor Conger asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinances. Kent McLemore expressed that he and his family did not have any objection to the ordinances; they just want to make sure that all of the planning and stormwater concerns are addressed if the ordinances are approved. City Planner Stan Pilant stated that the City Engineering

Department will review each development in terms of stormwater to make sure they are handling the stormwater produced by the site. There being no one else present to express public comments regarding the ordinances, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the ordinances and resolution on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1694 Hollywood Drive from O-R (Office Residential) District to O-C (Office Center) District, comprising 2.80 acres more or less, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. Mayor Conger then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Cooper Anderson Road located at the northeast corner of Cooper Anderson Road and University Parkway, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. Mayor Conger then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, relative to vacant buildings, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. Mayor Conger then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the

ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. Mr. Pilant stated that this ordinance would require the registration of vacant commercial and industrial buildings, including triplexes and above, in the City of Jackson. Mr. Pilant also stated that if approved, the ordinance will not go into effect immediately; it will have a sixty-day window so that they can give notice to property owners. On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the ordinance was approved 8-1 on first reading, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay. Councilmember Taylor requested that the City Council receive semi-annual reporting on the number of vacant commercial and industrial buildings – those that have been rehabilitated and those that have been demolished, and on the fees that are taken in. Councilmember Taylor stated that he thinks the administration workload involved in enforcing the ordinance could be pretty heavy on the front end which could have some operating impacts and he would like for City staff members to look at that and get back with the Budget Committee on how the workload may affect the operating budget especially for the City Building Department and Fire Department as these departments will have to dedicate people and man hours to inspect the buildings.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Gin Street between Young Street and the west margin of N & S Railroad on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of an alley that runs between Westwood Avenue, Campbell Street, Prospect Avenue and North Lake Drive on second reading.

The consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, was removed the agenda.

Councilmember Taylor stated that the Budget Committee had good discussions on Capital funding policies and procedures at their July 23, 2019, meeting and that one of the tasks that the committee was given was to consider Capital expenses for FY20. Councilmember Taylor stated

that the administration received significant Capital funding requests from the Fire Department and the Engineering Department regarding fire trucks and other apparatus and street resurfacing. Councilmember Taylor further stated that the City allocated approximately \$1.3 million dollars last year for street resurfacing and he proposed that in addition to that amount, the City add \$2.6 million dollars to the Engineering Department's FY20 Capital Budget which will allow them to start resurfacing 25% of City streets rated Grade 1 and 2 on a 10-point scale. Councilmember Taylor then stated that the Jackson Fire Department requested the replacement of three (3) pumper trucks and an aerial vehicle in their Capital Budget over the next five years. Councilmember Taylor also stated that the replacement of one of the pumper trucks is slated in the FY20 Capital Budget draft, and in subsequent years the City will purchase a pumper truck and or an aerial vehicle to meet the needs of the Jackson Fire Department. Councilmember Pickens requested that the administration consider developing a plan to replace some of the fire station facilities when they map out a long range Capital plan for the Fire Department. Councilmember Taylor stated that he and the City's Finance Department have been in discussion with the Police Department and Fire Department regarding their ongoing recurring Capital needs. Councilmember Taylor also stated that the Budget Committee made a request for proposal on the refunding of 2009 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds. City Finance Director Bobby Arnold advised the initiatives that will be revaluated by the administration to address the refunding of the City's Debt Service load.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given for the City of Jackson to apply for the FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Total amount to be awarded is \$43,095 to be split equally between the City of Jackson and Madison County. No match required.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the creation of the City of Jackson Anti-Poverty Task Force. Alex Reed, Special Assistant to the Mayor, stated that 55% of the African-American population in Jackson

lives in poverty and the creation of the City of Jackson Anti-Poverty Task Force will be the first step in addressing the issue.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of David Sikes to the Jackson Recreation and Parks Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the following Board appointments:

- Code Advisory Appeals – Re-appointment of Jimmy Anderson.
- Housing Board of Adjustment & Appeals – Re-appointment of Tom Grady and Mary Tyler.
- Jackson Madison County Historic Zoning Commission – Re-appointment of Jack Wood and Ann Ewing.
- Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency – Re-appointment of Nell Huntspon.
- Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission – Re-appointment of Jerry Day and the appointment of Charles Adams to replace Clarence Boone.
- Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission – Re-appointment of Kimberly Harville.
- The Ned – Re-appointment of Kemp Reed and Jimmy Duke and the appointment of Leanne Braddock to replace Virginia Conger and Jacob Hamilton to replace Hamp Williams.
- Anti-Poverty Task Force – Appointment of Ameera Graves, Andrea Hudgins, Kyle Lutz, Haley Coble, Hope Vunk, Matthew Marshall, Michael Morris and Mia Moore to 3-year terms.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, unanimous approval was given to the following City Council Board Appointments and Liaisons:

Council Member	Board
Gary Pickens	Beer Board
	Keep Jackson Beautiful
	Taxi Board
Johnny Dodd	Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency
	Beer Board
Ernest Brooks II	Jackson Housing Authority
	Jackson Energy Authority
Harvey Buchanan	Jackson Transit Authority
	Health, Education & Housing Facilities
	Expenditure Committee
Ross Priddy	Chamber of Commerce
	Taxi Board
	Expenditure Committee
Paul Taylor	Recreation and Parks
	Community Economic Development Commission
Marda Wallace	Industrial Development Board
	Planning Commission*
Russ McKelvey	Beer Board
	Expenditure Committee
David Cisco	Jackson Madison County General Hospital
	Airport Authority
	Taxi Board

* includes Historical Zoning Commission and Zoning Appeals

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR