

**MINUTES**  
**JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 7, 2021 – 9:00 am.**  
**GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM**

**Call to Order, Invocation, & Pledge and Roll Call (00:00 – 1:38)**

The Council of the City of Jackson met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 9:00 am. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order, and Councilmember David Cisco led us in the invocation and Allegiance Pledge. The Mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers David Cisco, Johnny Dodd, Russ McKelvey, Gary Pickens, Ross Priddy, Paul Taylor, and Marda Wallace were present, while Ernest Brooks II, and Harvey Buchanan were absent. Present for the City of Jackson, Mr. Bobby Arnold, Recorder's Office, Mr. Stan Pilant, Planning Dept., Lauren Kirk, Mayor's Office. Also present was Sandy Maxwell, recorder of the minutes. For the full details, listen to the September 7, 2021 video at <https://www.youtube.com/CityofJacksonTN731> (time-frame reference).

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for August 3, 2021, meeting were approved and signed.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS (1:40 – 1:41) – None**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (1:42 – 1:50)**

Mayor Scott Conger reminded the audience this was a public hearing. Therefore, anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposition to any item on first reading, please raise your hand at the appropriate time.

**FIRST READING**

- 1. Consideration of an ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, to eliminate minimum parking requirements (1:51 – 5:20)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public

comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, except Paul Taylor, who abstained the motion passed 6-0-1.

**2. Consideration of an ordinance to rezone property located at 1984 South Highland Avenue from RG-1 (General Residential) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District, comprising 0.31 acres, more or less (5:24 – 6:59)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration of an ordinance to rezone property located at 1932 Hollywood Drive from R-S (Single Family Residential) District to I-2 (Light Industrial) District, comprising 10.5 acres, more or less (7:00 – 8:01)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration of an ordinance to close abandon Vanden Street (8:03 – 9:53)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for Insurance Recovery Fairgrounds - \$13,500.00 (9:56 – 10:22)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for Insurance Recovery Groundskeeping - \$93,530.00 (10:24 – 11:04)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for JAG Grant for JPD - \$79,538.00 (11:06 – 11:30)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for PSN Grant for JPD - \$36,448.00 (11:33 – 11:55)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for Consumer Financial Protection Initiative Grant – \$10,000 and Financial Empowerment Center Implementation Grant match - \$150,000.00 (11:58 – 12:33)**

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for JFD Compensation - \$698,478.93 (12:39 – 13:10)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Consideration of a proposed budget amendment for Trash for Cash - \$25,000.00 (13:15 – 15:52)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment; there were none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**SECOND READING**

**1. Consideration of a Plan of Service, proposed annexation and zoning for an area referred to as "Bible," submitted by Shane McAlexander, comprising 102.33 acres, more or less, located at the southwest quadrant of U.S. Highway 45 North and Ashport Road. The proposed zoning for the area is B-5 (Highway Business) District for Area 1, RG-2 (General Residential) District for Area 2, and RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District for Area 3 (15:59 – 16:36)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of a Resolution to limit truck traffic on East Main Street from North Royal Street to Highway 70 Bypass (17:01 – 17:22)**

Councilmember McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Priddy, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration of a Proposed Budget Amendment for Drug Court Grant - \$70,000.00 (17:24 – 17:41)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration of a Proposed Budget Amendment for Gang Prosecutor - \$88,590.26 (17:42 – 17:58)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration of a Proposed Budget Amendment for the Repair of the Riverside Cemetery Brick Wall - \$96,000.00 (18:00 – 18:15)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of a resolution to approve Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) 2020-2021 (18:18 – 22:36)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of a Street Acceptance request for Habitat Meadows Phase 1 Section 2 (22:38 – 22:57)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration of a Street Acceptance request for Casey Commons Section – 1 (22:58 – 23:11)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration of a consulting contract with Taylor and Sons of TN, LC. for Risk Management (23:13 – 23:34)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration of a contract for Street Resurfacing (23:36 – 24:34)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration of a contract for the operator of the Men's Homeless Shelter (24:36 – 26:30)**

Councilmember Priddy made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration of a contract with Tyler Munis (26:33 – 27:45)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Priddy, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration of a recommendation from the Budget Committee to pursue a City-wide staffing and salary study – Councilmember Paul Taylor (27:57 – 30:02)**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Priddy, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Budget and Audit Committee Annual Report – Councilmember Paul Taylor (30:03 – 35:03)**

Councilmember Priddy made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Consideration of new board appointments:**

- a. Gang Prevention Curriculum Committee – consideration of appointment of Jody Pickens (DA's Office), Curtis Cozart (JPD), Johnny Dodd (City Councilmember), Tim Gilmer (JMCSS), Andrea Hudgins (Community member) (35:05 – 35:54)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, except Council Dood, who abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

- b. Redistricting Committee – consideration of appointment of Byron Elam, Kipp Hornburger, Olivia Abernathy, Robert Curlin, Dr. Jerry Woods (35:57 – 36:13)**

Councilmember Picken made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Public Art Commission – consideration of appointment of Lizzie Emmons, Lori Nunnery (36:14 – 36:26)**

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Community Economic Development Commission – consideration of appointment of Mal Patel (36:28 – 36:39)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**e. Jackson-Madison County Historic Zoning Commission – consideration of appointment of Frannie Smith to replace Gwendolyn Merry-Coleman (36:41 – 36:55)**

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**f. Community Redevelopment Agency – consideration of reappointment of Johnny Dodd (36:57 – 37:10)**

Councilmember McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, except Council Dood, who abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

**g. Jackson Board of Zoning Appeals – consideration of reappointment of Tara Skinner, Mike Singleton (37:16 – 37:29)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**h. Mayor's Advisory Board on Domestic & Sexual Violence – consideration of reappointment of Hugh Harvey, Jane Jarvis, Jennifer McCraw, Jody Pickens, Kathy Blount, Michelle Reddick, Ross Priddy (37:30 – 37:48)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, except Council Priddy, who abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

**i. Anti-Poverty Task Force – consideration of appointment of Dr. Kyle Barron (37:49 – 38:02)**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**j. City's Advisory Board for Carnegie Legends Museum – consideration of reappointment of Jimmy Exum, Jimmy Duke, Randy Williams (38:03 – 38:16)**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**k. Health, Education and Housing Board – consideration of reappointment of Joyce Corley, Larry Jones (38:17 – 38:30)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Consideration of budget amendments less than \$10,000.00 (38:31 – 38:37)**

No vote is required.

**12. Consideration of Invoices over \$10,000.00 (38:38 – 38:49)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN (38:52)**

  
SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR