

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

January 6, 2026 – 9:00 A.M

GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL (00:00 - 01:46)

The Council of the City of Jackson met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order. Councilmember Russ McKelvey led us in the invocation and Allegiance Pledge. The mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers Candice Busby, Johnny Dodd, Richard Donnell, Julie Holt, Larry Lowrance, Russ McKelvey, Frank McMeen, JP Stovall, and Marda Wallace were present. Also, present was Markeisha Johnson recorder of the minutes. For the full details, listen to the January 6, 2026, video by going to the City of Jackson website: jacksontn.gov/Government/Mayor & Council/Council Meeting Archives.

The Mayor and Council expressed birthday wishes to Councilman Donnell

A brief moment of silence was observed in honor of the late former Councilman Willie L. Moore Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01:48- 01:56)

The minutes for December 2, 2025 meeting, was approved and signed

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS (01:57 – 01:59)

None

INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT (02:01 – 2:02)

No public comments were received

FIRST READING

- 1. Proposed Budget Amendment #48 to Recognize and Appropriate \$25,000.00 for Cities for Financial Empowerment Legacy Planning Grant (02:04 – 03:42)**

Councilmember McMeen 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. Proposed Budget Amendment #53 to Reallocate and \$13,000.00 for CFE Summer Job Connect Grant (03:44 – 05:18)**

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

- 3. Proposed Budget Amendment #49 to Recognize Donations and Miscellaneous Fire Revenue totaling \$13,170.38 and Appropriate for Fire Administration (05:20– 05:37)**

Councilmember McMeen 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 unanimously.

- 4. Consideration of a Plan of Service, proposed annexation and zoning for an area referred to as “George White Area #2”, comprising 2.16 acres, more or less, located east of Moize Creek and Bowling Drive. The proposed zoning is RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District. (05:39 – 06:58)**

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

5. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, relative to Smoke Shops and Tobacco Stores (06:59 – 36:14)

Councilmember Holt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted.

Council member Dodd made a motion to table the item until next regular meeting. The motion was second by council Member Lowrance. **The motion to table failed** by a vote of 3-6.

Ayes: Dodd, Lowrance, McMeen

Nays: Busby, Donnell, Holt, McKelvey, Stovall, Wallace

Following the failed motion to table, the Council proceeded to vote on the item.

The motion failed by a vote of 7-1-1.

Ayes: Stovall

Nays: Busby, Donnell, Holt, Lowrance, McKelvey, McMeen, Wallace

Abstention: Dodd

SECOND READING

**1. Proposed Budget Amendment #39 to Recognize and Appropriate
\$1,553,296.60 for TN ECD FastTrack Grant (6K Energy) (36:15 – 36:34)**

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

**2. Proposed Budget Amendment #40 to Recognize and Appropriate
\$1,500,000.00 for OCJIP Violent Crime Intervention Fund Grant
(36:35 – 36:50)**

Councilmember McMeen 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.

**3. Proposed Budget Amendment #46 to Reallocate \$89,396.09 for Police
Patrol Vehicle Upfitting (36:52 – 37:06)**

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

**4. Consideration of a Plan of Service, proposed annexation and zoning for an
area referred to as “Kader”, comprising 1.83 acres, more or less, located at
Highway 45 North and Ashport Road. The proposed zoning is B-5 (Highway
Business) District. (37:07 – 37:28)**

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

- 5. Consideration of a Plan of Service, proposed annexation and zoning for an area referred to as “McCormack”, comprising 5.45 acres, more or less, located at the northwest corner of Airways Boulevard and Fiberglass Road. The proposed zoning is SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District. (37:29– 37:54)**

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

- 6. Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone property located at Hillary Drive and Blake Drive from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District, comprising of 37.39 acres, more or less (37:56 – 38:19)**

Councilmember McKelvey 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.

- 7. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee ARTICLE VI, REGULATIONS APPLYING TO A SPECIFIC, TO SEVERAL, OR TO ALL DISTRICTS, Section 11. Planned Unit Residential Development (38:20 – 41:35)**

Councilmember Holt 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 with eight (8) in favor, one (1) nay (Wallace).

8. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee ARTICLE V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 13. SC-1, F. PARKING AND ACCESS, 1 (41:37 – 42:29)

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan (43:31 – 52:47) - Discussion Plan -**
- 2. Consideration of an offer to purchase 13.4 acres of city owned property adjacent to The Crossings by The Crossings Partners (52:50 - 1:10:38)**

Councilmember Holt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stovall, to table the agenda item for further documentation. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Consideration of a Street Acceptance request for Shepherd's Field Section 13 (1:10:39 – 1:10:50)**

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

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for vote, all voted aye, except, the motion passed with seven (7) in favor, one (1) opposed (Lowrance).

2. Consideration of an offer to purchase 13.4 acres of city owned property adjacent to The Crossings by The Crossings Partners (32:40 - 50:36)

Councilmember Stovall made a motion to amend the offer to 9.44 acres, seconded by Councilmember Dodd. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution to adopt the Safety Action Plan funded by the Safe Streets for All Grant (SS4A) (50:39 - 51:02)

Councilmember Stovall 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **(51:06)**



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR