

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 5, 2026 – 9:00 A.M

GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL (00:05 - 01:44)

The City Council of the City of Jackson met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order. Councilman Richard Donnell led us in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers Candice Busby, Johnny Dodd, Richard Donnell, Julie Holt, Larry Lowrance, Russ McKelvey, Frank McMeen, and Marda Wallace were present. JP Stovall was absent. Also, present was Markeisha Johnson Recorder of the Minutes. For complete details of the meeting, please refer to the May 5, 2026, video available on the City of Jackson website: jacksontn.gov/Government/Mayor & Council/Council Meeting Archives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01:45 - 01:54)

The minutes for April 7, 2026, meeting were approved as presented and signed.

Mayor Scott Conger removed New Business Item #1 from consideration pending a collaborative decision on the policy by the City Attorney, County Commissioners, and School Board Administration. (01:56 - 02:40)

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS (02 :41- 32 :32)

- Annual Report from Financial Empowerment Center (Tyler Carr, Jordan Howerton, and Victoria Jackson) (02 :41 – 25:53)
- SBA Disaster Recovery (*Representative - Riley Oakes*) (25:56-32:32)

INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT (32:36 - 32:37)

FIRST READING

- 1. Proposed Budget Amendment #93 to Recognize and Appropriate
\$20,000.00 for Health Fair Expenses from BCBS Rebate (32:42 - 33:25)**

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.

- 2. Proposed Budget Amendment #94 to Reappropriate \$18,900.00 within
Civic Center Budget to Provide for Projected Overtime Expense
(33:26 - 34:20)**

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 unanimously.

- 3. Proposed Budget Amendment #96 to Appropriate Previously Received
\$10,000.00 Donation to Police Aviation to Replace Audio Equipment in
Helicopter (34:23 - 34:37)**

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.

- 4. Proposed Budget Amendment #108 to Reappropriate \$40,000.00 from
Police Recoverable Damages to Police Investigations Capital for
Purchase of Vehicle (34:38 - 34:52)**

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.

5. Proposed Budget Amendment #112 to Reappropriate \$11,000.00 from Revenue Salaries to Revenue Repair to Repair Water Damage from Leak and to Repair Bullet Resistant Service Windows (34:53 - 35:14)

Councilmember McMeen 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.

SECOND READING

1. Proposed Budget Amendment #77 to Recognize \$39,804.00 and Appropriate \$25,663.91 for the Opioid Abatement Grant (35:16 - 36:10)

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.

2. Proposed Budget Amendment #79 to Recognize \$20,323.50 Insurance Recovery (JPD Unit 2275) (36:11 - 36:25)

Councilmember Dodd 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.

3. Proposed Budget Amendment #80 to Recognize \$147,390.00 for Sale of Land (Crossings Partners) (36:26 - 36:41)

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.

4. Proposed Budget Amendment #81 to Appropriate \$113,133.00 in Bond Proceeds, and Re-Appropriate \$202,896.09 in Bond Proceeds due to Typos or to Cover Increased Expenses (36:42 - 37:04)

Councilmember Busby 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.

5. Proposed Budget Amendment #87 to Recognize and Appropriate \$56,402.00 for IT Insurance Recovery (Fiber Optic Cable Repairs) (37:05 - 37:19)

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.

6. Proposed Budget Amendment #90 to Re-Appropriate \$25,500.00 at Ballpark to Ensure Adequate Funding for Certain Supplies and Services (37:21 - 38:40)

Councilmember Dodd 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.

7. 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 2. RS (Single Family Residential) District, Section 3. RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District and Section 4. RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District, Section 5. RG-1 (General Residential) District, Section 6. RG-2 (General Residential) District and Section 7. RG-3 (General Residential) District, relative to R1, R2, and R3 Districts (38:31 - 38:45)

Councilmember Holt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, the motion passed with six (6) votes in favor, and two (2) opposed, (Busby and Wallace).

NEW BUSINESS

- ~~1. Proposed New City Council Public Comment Procedure to align with Public Charter 620~~
- 2. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Transition to TCRS Hybrid Plan from TCRS Legacy Defined Benefit Plan for New Employees as Provided for by TCA Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 9 (1:28:02 – 1:40:43)**

Councilmember McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, the motion passed with six (6) votes in favor, and two (2) abstention, (Busby and Lowrance).

- 3. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Contributions to Tax Deferred Retirement Plan Pursuant to TCA Title 8, Chapters 34-37 (1:40:46 – 1:41:43)**

Councilmember McMeen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Busby, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, the motion passed with seven (7) votes in favor, and one (1) abstention (Lowrance).

4. Consideration of a Resolution to support the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant for \$5,000,000 with a 20% match required from the City, for 45 Bypass safety improvements (1:41:45 – 1:43:59)

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.

5. Consideration of a grant contract with the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) to support walkway accessibility improvements at Conger Park (1:44:01 – 1:44:58)

Councilmember McKelvey 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.

6. Consideration of a grant contract with Keep America Beautiful for the 2026 Greatest Green Grant to support the median wildflower project (1:44:59 – 1:45:45)

Councilmember McMeen 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.

7. Consideration of a contract with JD Distributors for Janitorial Supplies (1:45:46 - 1:45:58)

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.

**8. Consideration of a Proposal for Community-Wide Wayfinding Signage
(1:45:59 - 1:53:51)**

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.

9. Consideration of a Committee and Board Appointments:

a. JEA Board of Directors: Reappointment of Darlette Samuels

(1:53:52 - 1:54:03)

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.

10. Budget Amendments less than \$10,000 (1:54:05 –

11. Consideration of Invoices over \$10,000 1:54:16)

Councilmember Dodd 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.

Mayor Conger expressed recognition and farewell remarks to Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Tony Black.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (1:55:18)



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR