

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2012**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray, Harvey Buchanan and Vicky Foote were absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Jerry Gist gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the approval of a contract and funding for signal and lane improvements to Highland Avenue in conjunction with the Jackson Walk Development. Keith Donaldson, City Principal Planner and Transportation Planning Coordinator, gave an overview on elements involved with the first phase project and on future phases of projects proposed for the downtown area. The improvement program represents a collaborative effort between the City of Jackson, West Tennessee Healthcare, Jackson Energy Authority, and Crocker Construction Company. Barry Alexander, Traffic Engineer with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., advised the concept of the Highland at Deaderick Roundabout in Phase Two of the project. Bobby Arnold, President and Chief Executive Officer for West Tennessee Healthcare, expressed appreciation to city officials for their support and partnership on behalf of West Tennessee Healthcare and its board members.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

<b>CAPITAL</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<b>FUND:</b>		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-43590-900	Traffic Signalization	346,519	458,981.49	805,500.49
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-36727	Reimbursement: WTHC		458,981.49	458,981.49

Amendment for traffic signal on Highland Avenue to be 100% reimbursed by West Tennessee Healthcare with no draw on city fund balance.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Ford Construction Company in the amount of \$458,981.49, lowest and best bid received, for signal and lane improvements to Highland Avenue in conjunction with the Jackson Walk Development. The first phase improvements will consist of furnishing and installing all necessary materials and equipment to complete in place roadway widening, sidewalk constructions, pavement markings, signalization and lighting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR