

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2010

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Council members Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Council member Johnny Dodd was not present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Ernest Brooks II gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council member Neudecker made a motion to table the approval of minutes from the September 7, 2010, meeting until the next meeting. Council member Rahm seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-2, with Council members Buchanan and Cisco voting nay.

Mayor Gist recognized members of Leadership Jackson and presented proclamations for National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Gist presented two letters of Commendation to representatives of the Jackson-Madison County Metro Narcotics Drug Task Force in honor of the unit receiving the state Drug Unit of the Year Award at the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association’s annual awards banquet in Nashville, Tennessee.

Monique Merriweather, Coordinator of the Mayor’s Second Chance Program, presented plaques to Christie Jones-Dowdy and Kimyatta Greer for successfully

completing the Mayor's Second Chance Program. Mayor Gist recognized Tennalum and H & H Services for hiring the graduates and presented a pair of cuff links to the representative from Tennalum and a lapel pin to the representative from H & H Services.

Gerald Parish, Director of Recreation Education Services Division with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, presented a "Walk With Me Tennessee Community" Recognition Certificate to Mayor Gist and Tony Black, Director of Parks and Recreation, in honor of the City of Jackson being one of the pilot communities for the Walk With Me Tennessee Program.

FIRST READINGS:

Council member Neudecker made a motion to accept 2,400 square feet, as proposed by the developers, as the minimum square footage for the North Pointe Lake Planned Residential Development (North Pointe Sections 13 & 14), and have the garages in the planned residential development area not face the front of the street. Council member Cisco seconded the motion and the motion failed 4-4, with Council members Brooks, Buchanan, Rahm, and Wallace voting nay and Council members Bray, Cisco, Hays and Neudecker voting yea. Susan Unger and Carroll Ash, homeowners in the North Pointe Subdivision, expressed opposition to the proposed revisions for the North Pointe Lake Planned Residential Development (North Pointe Sections 13 and 14). Bud Dodson, one of the developers for the North Pointe Lake Planned Residential Development (North Pointe Sections 13 and 14), expressed support for the proposed revisions.

Council member Neudecker made a motion to deny a request to rezone property located at 1643 East Chester Street from an RG-1 (General Residential)

District to a B-4 (General Business) District, containing 0.75 acres, more or less, submitted by Leslie Lee. Council member Wallace seconded the motion and the motion to deny the request was approved 7-1, with Council member Buchanan voting nay.

Council member Rahm made a motion to table the consideration of a request to rezone property located at 1858 Campbell Street from an RS-1 (Single Family, Residential) District to an O (Office) District, containing 9.72 acres, more or less, submitted by F & H Properties. Council member Brooks seconded the motion and the motion to table was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance Establishing Redevelopment Trust Fund for District 2 pursuant to Section 21 of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1998.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Bray, an amendment to the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance Article V. SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 18. F-H (Special Flood Hazard) District was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Council member Hays, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to rename the Bemis Playground and Park to Stella Duncan Park. Joel Jackson, Chairman of the Bemis Historical Society, and Tony Duncan, son of Stella Duncan, were present and expressed gratitude to the city for renaming the playground and park in honor of Mrs. Stella Duncan.

Mayor Gist advised that the consideration of a contract for bridge repair of Herron Grove Road over Bond Creek would be removed from the agenda to allow the city's Purchasing Department an opportunity to take bids to determine the lowest and best bid for design build specifications, based upon funds the Federal Emergency Management Agency would allocate for the bridge repair.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Cigna for long-term disability, lowest and best proposal received.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Hays, the acceptance of a Targeted Communities Violent Crime grant in the amount of \$1.2 Million Dollars, funded by the office of Criminal Justice Programs, was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Cisco, the acceptance of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$91,265.00 was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Bray, an application for participation in an after school care snack component (area eligible) Tennessee child and adult care food program (CACFP) was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, a Resolution to approve a substantial amendment to the Jackson Community Development 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

Dave Ralston of Jackson Housing Authority gave the fiscal year 2009-2010 Annual Performance Report on the Jackson Housing Authority Community Development Program.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Obie Beard to the Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Kimberley Harville, to replace Bruce Dorris, and to the re-appointment of Carol Emery to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, the following FY2011 budget amendment requests were approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay:

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenses:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-42191-900	Targeted Communities Violent Crime Grant		0	1,200,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33194	Targeted Communities Violent Crime Grant		0	1,200,000

The Jackson Police Department has received notification that they have received the Targeted Communities Violent Crime grant in the amount of \$1,200,000. There is no match required for this grant. These grant funds will be used for focusing on violent crimes as well as drug-related crimes.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Buchanan, the following FY2011 budget amendment requests were approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay:

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenses:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-42190-900	2010 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG		0	91,265.00
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33197	2010 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG		0	91,265.00

The Jackson Police Department has received notification that they have received the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$91,265.00. There is no match required for this grant. These grant funds will be used to purchase license plate readers (LPRs).

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the following FY2011 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,029,494.00	1287.00	1,030,781.00
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-41811-900	City Hall Building Capital		1,287.00	1,287.00
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	63,744.14	-3,537.00	60,207.14
110-41710-339	Housing Motor Vehicle Exp.	3,500	2,250.00	5,750.00

Housing Codes had a vehicle repaired and does not have money within their motor vehicle expense to cover this repair. Amendment will be transferred from unanticipated expenses in amount of \$2,250 to cover this repair.

City Hall building had new table and chairs purchased for City Hall meeting room. Funds will be transferred from unanticipated expenses in the amount of \$1,287 to the capital fund to cover this purchase.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the following FY2011 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,030,781.00	5,000.00	1,035,781.00
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44630-900	Fairgrounds Capital	51,000	5,000.00	56,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	60,207.14	-5,000.00	55,207.14

Fairgrounds had a need to water proof the Grandstand and repair structural damages. This was noticed in preparation for the West Tennessee State Fair. Grandstand repairs were made as emergency to accommodate the needs of the fair. Money will be transferred from unanticipated expenses in the amount of \$5,000 into the capital fund.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the following FY2011 budget amendment requests:

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenses:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	55,207.14	-55,207.14	0
110-41811-260	Repair & Maintenance – City Hall	12,000	98,037.60	110,037.60
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	From Fund Balance	931,183	42,830.46	974,013.46

City Hall had to have some emergency cleaning done on the ductwork within the City Hall Building. Total expense is \$98,037.60. We will pull the remaining balance in unanticipated expenses of \$55,207.14 as well as a draw on fund balance of \$42,830.46 to cover this expenditure.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Buchanan, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR