

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the August 2, 2011, meeting were approved and signed.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, an Ordinance to close and abandon two (2) sections of Farrar Street within the CityWalk Redevelopment Project – section 1 running west 340 feet from Union Avenue to a point, and section 2 running between North Highland Avenue and White Street was approved 8-0. (Councilmember Rahm was not present to vote on this matter.)

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, an Ordinance to close and abandon a 100 foot section of Wells Street within the CityWalk Redevelopment Project running north from Farrar Street was approved 8-0. (Councilmember Rahm was not present to vote on this matter.)

SECOND READINGS:

The consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the granting of a franchise by the City of Jackson to Windstream Communications for installation and use of City of Jackson infrastructure to operate fiber optic and other communication services was postponed, at the petitioner's request, until the October 4, 2011, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the use of eminent domain on 114 Morgan Street was approved 6-3, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Cisco, Dodd, Foote and Rahm voting yea and Councilmembers Buchanan, Conger and Wallace voting nay. Chris Phillips, Investment Manager for Blurton Capital, owner of the property located at 114 Morgan Street, expressed why the property owner ordered a recent independent appraisal of the property and advised that the property owner was negotiating a sale price for the property with the city.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the use of eminent domain on 106 Wells Alley was approved 6-2-1, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Cisco, Dodd and Rahm voting yea, Councilmembers Conger and Wallace voting nay, and Councilmember Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of streets in the following CityWalk Redevelopment Project areas:

- CityWalk Plaza located within the CityWalk Redevelopment Project running between White Street and Union Avenue;

- A portion of Union Avenue located within the CityWalk Redevelopment Project running between CityWalk Plaza and West College Street; and
- A portion of Shannon Street located within the CityWalk Redevelopment Project running between CityWalk Plaza and West College Street.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, a Resolution to fund a portion of a match for a grant to Area Relief Ministries to purchase and rehabilitate a building to be used as a homeless shelter was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Foote voting nay. Lisa Dawson, Executive Director of Area Relief Ministries, advised that the private grant funder requested that a 25% match for the grant be provided from governmental entities to ensure community support for a shelter. The city's portion represented one third of the match for the grant. Madison County and West Tennessee Healthcare will each fund a one third portion of the match for the grant.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a contract with the Arrow Paving Company for hot mix at \$68.00 per ton, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting in the amount of \$1,546,387.50, based upon unit pricing, for Street Resurfacing, Project 1, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting in the amount of \$479,958.70, based upon unit pricing, for Street Resurfacing, Project 2, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to award the professional preliminary engineering design, right-of-way phase, and construction engineering inspection services to Smith Seckman Reid in association with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the East Chester Phase 2 Enhancement Project, and to approve a contract for an amount not to exceed \$244,000.00 for the preliminary engineering design and right-of-way phase, which is 100% reimbursable. City Staff will return to the City Council for approval of an amount not to exceed \$263,552.25 that will be added as a supplement to the contract for the construction engineering inspection portion once the Tennessee Department of Transportation Local Programs Office approves the project for construction, which is 80% reimbursable with a 20% city match.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a consulting contract between the City of Jackson and Taylor and Sons of TN, LLC.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of David Mathis to the City of Jackson Tree Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Vicky Malanga to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission to fill the unexpired term of Melanie Oliver whose term will expire on 10/7/11.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the following FY 2012 budget amendment requests:

METRO DRUG		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
142-42129-743	Federal Equitable Sharing	25,000	71,459.72	96,459.72
<i>Revenue:</i>				
142-37900	Federal Equitable Sharing		71,459.72	71,459.72

The Metro Narcotics Unit needed to purchase some equipment. The money will be taken from the reserve built up from the seized assets and metro fines collected.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the following FY 2012 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,523,742	25,070	1,548,812
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44730-900	Groundskeeping	35,050	25,070	60,120
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-761	Transfer to Capital Fund	1,523,742	25,070	1,548,812
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	412,997.09	-25,070	387,927.09

Funds are being transferred from Unanticipated Expenses to Groundskeeping capital for the purchase of two additional mower tractors.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the following FY 2012 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,551,812	100,000	1,651,812
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-42600-900	Central Dispatch		100,000	100,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-761	Transfer to Capital Fund	1,551,812	100,000	1,651,812
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	384,927.09	100,000	284,927.09

Funds are being transferred from Unanticipated Expenses to Central Dispatch capital to cover costs of preparing building at new location and moving Central Dispatch.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following FY 2012 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,548,812	3,000	1,551,812
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44500-900	Pringles Park		3,000	3,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-761	Transfer to Capital Fund	1,548,812	3,000	1,551,812
110-41900-595	Unanticipated Expenses	387,927.09	-3,000	384,927.09

Funds are being transferred from Unanticipated Expenses to Pringles Park capital to replace main entrance gate off Ridgecrest to Pringles Park which was not covered by insurance.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the following FY 2012 budget amendment requests:

REVENUE:

110-33551 – Gas Tax – SSA Revenue – increase of \$84,548.06 – Total -\$1,549,048.06

SSA STREET MAINTENANCE – 110-43190-XXX

110-43190-111 – Salaries – \$891,457.65
110-43190-112 – Overtime - \$14,500
110-43190-130 – Benefits - \$361,502.57
110-43190-210 – Mobile Communication - \$3,500
110-43190-251 – Medical Services - \$200
110-43190-260 – Repair & Maintenance Services- \$4,000
110-43190-290 – Contractual Services- \$20,000
110-43190-320 – Operating Supplies - \$14,999.85
110-43190-326 – Uniforms - \$5,500
110-43190-330 – Repair & Maintenance - \$5,000
110-43190-331 – Motor Vehicle Fuel - \$45,000
110-43190-339 – Motor Vehicle Expense - \$45,000
110-43190-400 – Building/Street Materials - \$29,233.33
110-43190-530 – Rent - \$200
TOTAL SSA BUDGET - \$1,440,093.40

STREET CLEANING/STREET DEPT – 110-43195-xxx

110-43195-111 – Salaries - \$141,366.57
110-43195-130 – Benefits - \$42,721.61
110-43195-224 – Copier - \$2,108.00
110-43195-240 – Utilities - \$16,000
110-43195-242 – Landfill Dumping - \$1,000
110-43195-245 – Telephone - \$2,500
110-43195-255 – Computer Services - \$2,400
110-43195-310 – Office Supplies - \$1,479.00
110-43195-331 – Motor Vehicle Fuel - \$25,113
110-43195-339 – Motor Vehicle Expense - \$31,000
TOTAL STREET CLEANING BUDGET - \$265,688.18

STORMWATER OPERATIONS – 110-43911-XXX

110-43911-111 – Salaries – \$482,418.79
110-43911-112 – Overtime - \$10,000
110-43911-130 – Benefits - \$185,209.07
110-43911-210 – Mobile Communication - \$3,000
110-43911-260 – Repair & Maintenance Services - \$3,000
110-43911-290 – Contractual Services - \$5,000
110-43911-320 – Operating Supplies - \$4,500

110-43911-326 – Uniforms - \$4,500
110-43911-330 – Repair & Maintenance - \$8,500
110-43911-400 – Building/Street Materials - \$73,658.67
110-43911-331 – Motor Vehicle Fuel - \$76,500
110-43911-339 – Motor Vehicle Expense - \$77,500
TOTAL STORMWATER BUDGET - \$933,786.53

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131-43230-111 – Salaries - Add \$519,577.55 to budgeted salaries of \$504,663.75 – Total \$1,024,240.90
131-43230-112 - Overtime – Add \$12,000 to budget of \$5,000 – Total \$17,000
131-43230-130 – Benefits – Add \$171,522.67 to budget of \$186,495.43 – Total \$358,018.10
131-43230-242 – Landfill Dumping – Add \$8,960 to budget of \$2,400,000 – Total \$2,408,960
131-43230-331 – Motor Vehicle Fuel – Add \$52,500 to budget of \$51,500 – Total \$104,000
131-43230-339 – Motor Vehicle Expense – Add \$45,000 to budget of \$66,000 – Total \$111,000
TOTAL ADDITIONS TO H & S BUDGET - \$809,560.22

Councilmember Foote expressed appreciation to Mayor Gist for reassigning duties between the City of Jackson Street Department, Health and Sanitation Department, and Stormwater Construction, managed by the Engineering Department.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR