

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 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. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Randy Wallace gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the January 4, 2011, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist recognized and commended Eric Cobb and Albert Ervin, employees of Waste Management, for their vigilance in recognizing and reporting criminal activity on Swan Drive, which thwarted a burglary attempt.

The following business items were removed from the meeting agenda:

- Consideration of a Resolution agreeing to deed 5 acres, more or less, located south of Highway 70 Bypass between Phillips and Cartmell Streets, to Connections Preparatory School to be used for the establishment of a charter school; and
- Consideration of an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Michael Lewis Cherry to operate a Passenger Vehicles for Hire Service known as A & M Transport Services, located at 17-B Brentshire Square, Suite 12, Jackson, Tennessee.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1550 Hollywood Drive from RG-2 (General Residential) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit

Commercial Development) District, submitted by TLM Associates, Inc., on behalf of Mary Sue Hall, along with a staff initiated larger area located on the east side of U.S. 45 Bypass from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, comprising a total of 9.1 acres, more or less.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to request Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds. Mr. Steve Raper, Senior Vice President of Water and Waste Water with the Jackson Energy Authority, and Dr. Vicki Lake were present and answered questions regarding the Community Development Block Grant and appropriations for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds.

Mr. Mike Hewitt, Certified Public Accountant with Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC, presented an annual audit report on the city's finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010. Mr. Hewitt expressed comments on how the city could strengthen internal controls, compliance and operation efficiency and advised the firm's suggestion that the city consider having a grant coordinator to oversee all grant funds applied for and received by the city.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to: (1) hire a professional firm to review the legacy cost to the city on health insurance costs, retirement costs and retirement payments in the city's retirement fund; and (2) have a three member committee comprised of City Council members to work with the city's Purchasing Director to

establish criterion for Request For Qualifications (RFQ), be involved in the interview process with the companies and assist the Purchasing Director in issuing a Purchase Order to the company that will be selected to conduct the study. Council members Brooks, Neudecker and Wallace were appointed to serve on the committee. Council member Wallace advised that he would like to have the process of hiring a firm completed within the next nine months.

On the motion of Council member Hays, seconded by Council member Buchanan, a letter tendered from Johnny Dodd resigning as City Councilman for District Two was accepted 7-0-1, with Council member Brooks abstaining. In his capacity as Vice Mayor, Council member Buchanan advised what the qualifications were for filling the vacant council seat and advised that interested candidates needed to submit a resume to the Mayor's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2011.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, the following board appointments were approved:

- Keep Jackson Beautiful Board – Reappointment of Sandy MacDiarmid.
- Tree Board – Reappointments of Kevin Andrews and David Middlebrooks.
- Planning Commission – Reappointment of Mary Bearden.
- Historical Zoning Commission – Reappointment of Mary Bearden.
- Parks Advisory Board – Reappointment of Pat Mingledorff.
- Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation – Reappointments of Nell Huntspon and Seth Chandler.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,645,638.48	4,377	1,650,015.48
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-761	Transfer to Capital Fund	1,100,451	4,377	1,104,828.00
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44410-900	Civic Center Capital		4,377	4,377
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,100,451	4,377	1,104,828

The Civic Center is in need of replacing two ticket printers for the events that they have at Civic Center and Oman Arena. This was discovered during the preparations for the Bull Riding event at Oman Arena. Cost for these two ticket printers is \$4,377.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,639,938.48	5,700	1,645,638.48
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-761	Transfer to Capital Fund	1,094,751	5,700	1,100,451
CAPITAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44730-900	Groundskeeping Capital	15,000	5,700	20,700
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	1,094,251	5,700	1,100,451

The Groundskeeping Department needs to replace their diesel fuel tanks due to problems with leakage. The cost for this replacement is \$5700.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,633,720.98	6,217.50	1,639,938.48
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-144	Old City Pension	888,125	6217.50	894,342.50

This amendment is to increase the Old City Pension allocation for the COLA given to city employees of 1.5%.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,639,938.48	61,414.99	1,701,353.47
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42122-262	Repair & Maintenance	60,000	61,414.99	121,414.99

This amendment is for repair and maintenances completed on the Police helicopter. Total amount was \$61,414.99.

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

Council member Maurice Hays advised that Council member Buchanan was going to have surgery and asked that everyone remember Council member Buchanan in their prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR