

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 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; David Cisco; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm and Randy Wallace present. Council member Harvey Buchanan was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Charles Rahm gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the February 1, 2011, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented resumes for four qualified candidates who were interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of a council member for District Two. Council members interviewed the candidates and took the following action:

WILLIE L. MOORE, JR.			
Final Vote – 6/1			
Councilmember	Yes	No	Abstained
Bray	X		
Brooks	X		
Cisco	X		
Hays	X		
Neudecker		X	
Rahm	X		
Wallace	X		

MARIO V. PRICE			
Final Vote – 3/0/4			
Councilmember	Yes	No	Abstained
Bray			X
Brooks	X		
Cisco			X
Hays			X
Neudecker	X		
Rahm			X
Wallace	X		

NORMA D. BUNDY			
Final Vote - 3/0/4			
Councilmember	Yes	No	Abstained
Bray			X
Brooks	X		
Cisco	X		
Hays			X
Neudecker	X		
Rahm			X
Wallace			X

RUTHIE V. WHISNANT			
Final Vote - 3/0/4			
Councilmember	Yes	No	Abstained
Bray			X
Brooks	X		
Cisco			X
Hays			X
Neudecker	X		
Rahm			X
Wallace	X		

Pursuant to the City’s Charter that a vacancy in the office of a council member shall be filled by the appointment of a qualified resident of that district by a vote of six (6) members of the City Council, Willie L. Moore, Jr. received the six (6) votes needed for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of a council member for District Two.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m. to allow Willie L. Moore, Jr. to be sworn in as the City Council Representative for District Two. The meeting was called back to order at 9:35 a.m. All Council members were present.

Mayor Gist recognized Captain Robert J. Layman, Driver Matthew D. Gay and Firefighter John T. Keim for their heroic act in rescuing a citizen from a burning house at 35 Fairfax Cove. Fire Chief James Pearson presented Jackson Fire Department Citation Medal Award Certificates and Medals of Valor to Captain Robert J. Layman, Driver Matthew D. Gay and Firefighter John T. Keim for their service and dedication to the Jackson Fire Department.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Neudecker, 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:

Council member Brooks made a motion to postpone the consideration of his alternative Resolution to deed five 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 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Cisco and was approved 7-1, with Council member Hays voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Michael Lewis Cherry to operate a Passenger Vehicle for Hire Service known as A & M Transportation Services, located at 17-B Brentshire Square, Suite 12, Jackson, Tennessee, contingent upon the vehicle passing inspection with the Jackson Police Department. Council member Hays, Chairman of the city's Taxi Board, answered a question that was asked at the Agenda Review Meeting regarding the limited amount of liability insurance that was

required to operate a passenger vehicle for hire service in Jackson. Council member Hays advised that the Taxi Board could have raised the amount of liability insurance required to operate a passenger vehicle for hire service in Jackson but since a study showed that the insurance limit was in line with insurance limits set by other cities in Tennessee, the board decided to leave the liability insurance limit low as an incentive to bring people in to operate passenger vehicle for hire services in Jackson. (A Public Hearing was held on this matter.)

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract using an energy grant for signal indication replacement with Davis H. Elliot Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$40,325.96, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a contract using an energy grant at the Carl Perkins Civic Center with Universal Contractors, L.L.C. in the amount of \$452,953.00, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Cisco, a contract with The Ferguson Group, L.L.C. for a period of twelve months, in the amount of \$80,000.00, was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay. Kareem Murphy, Partner with The Ferguson Group, L.L.C., gave a brief overview regarding the firm's services to the city and answered questions from Council members.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Hays, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Monola Patterson, who will replace Ray Washington, to the Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

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

ROBERTSON PARK FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
312-36980	Transfer from Robertson fund	30,000	-30,000	0
ROBERTSON PARK FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
312-51660-760	Transfer to RTF	30,000	-30,000	0
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37823	Transfer from KCRP Fund		30,000	30,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-44450-320	Golf Course Operating Expense	5,832	30,000	35,832

Moving \$30,000 from the Kate Campbell Robertson Fund to the general fund to cover the remainder of golf course expenses for FY11.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR