

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 3, 2012**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 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.

Elder Rocky Miller gave the invocation and Councilmember Johnny Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the March 6, 2012, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented proclamations for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Equal Pay Day.

A progress report from the Mayor’s Youth Gang Prevention Task Force Committee was given by Dr. Vicki Lake, Committee Chairperson; Mr. Tony Black, Committee Vice Chairperson; Ms. Amy Jones, Committee member and Director of Madison County Juvenile Court Services; and Ms. Cathi Roberts, Committee member and representative for Workforce Investment Act, Area 11. Dr. Lake advised that one of the committee’s recommendations was to develop two summer youth programs that would: (1) address employment for youth 15 to 18 years of age and (2) address enrichment activities for youth 12 to 15 years of age. Dr. Lake advised that the committee’s other recommendation was to develop more neighborhood based afterschool and summer programming for the youth. Ms. Jones advised the eligibility

requirements for the summer youth employment and enrichment programs and Ms. Roberts provided program details for the summer youth employment and enrichment programs. Mr. Black provided information on developing more neighborhood based afterschool and summer programming for the youth. Mayor Gist recognized members of the Mayor's Youth Gang Prevention Task Force Committee in the audience and thanked them for their service.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, a Resolution approving a substantial amendment (#1) to the Community Development's Annual Action Plan (2010-2011) was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gary Grisham, President of the Jackson Arts Council, and Mrs. Kathi Landon Leatherwood, Executive Director of the Jackson Arts Council, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the city's financial investment in the Arts and gave an update on the Jackson Arts Council's art projects and events.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion to approve the following recommendation from the Nonprofit Review Committee:

1. A 10% across the board reduction of FY 2012 funding levels for the following nonprofit agencies:

- Jackson Arts Council;
- Jackson Symphony;
- Jackson Downtown Development Corporation;
- West Tennessee River Basin Authority;
- Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse;
- Therapy & Learning Center;
- Chamber of Commerce;
- Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism;
- Aspell Manor;
- Madison-Haywood Development Center;
- STAR Center;
- West Tennessee Hearing & Speech; and

2. Fund the following three new nonprofit agencies at the following funding levels:

Regional Interfaith Association	\$20,000.00
Faith Health Center	\$10,000.00
Hub City Junior Golf Association	\$ 2,500.00

Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass by a vote of 3-6, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Buchanan, Cisco, Conger, Dodd, Foote and Rahm voting nay. Council member Cisco made a motion to fund the nonprofit agencies that were funded in the city's fiscal year 2012 budget for the amount they were given at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rahm and passed 5-4, with Councilmembers Buchanan, Cisco, Conger, Dodd and Rahm voting yea and Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Foote and Wallace voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, the re-appointment of Estelle Davis to the Jackson Transit Authority Board was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR