

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 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; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Charles “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the January 2, 2008 and January 8, 2008 meetings were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist made the following presentations:

Proclamations:

- Sexual Abstinence Until Marriage Month Proclamation to Delita Johnson from ACTS; and
- Black History Month Proclamation to Murphy McKinney, Treasurer and JMC NAACP Membership Co-Chair and Leonard Pearson, JMC NAACP Executive Committee Member.

Mayor Gist advised that the following agenda item would be added under new business:

Audit report from Alexander, Thompson & Arnold PLLC.

**FIRST READINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to barricade and close the following streets: Burkett Street at its intersection with the north margin of Williams Street, Burkett Street at its intersection with the south margin of Arlington Avenue and North Fairgrounds Street at its intersection with the north margin of Williams Street, submitted by Lambuth University.

**SECOND READINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of Riverside Drive, just south of Washington Street from I-O/FH (Wholesale and Warehousing/Flood Hazard) District to I-3/FH (General Industrial/Flood Hazard) District containing 4.33 acres, more or less, submitted by JSM Company, Inc.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of North Highland Avenue, just south of Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery from RG-1 (General Residential) District and RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District containing 7.49 acres, more or less, submitted by Bob Pearce, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, an Ordinance to amend the Jackson Municipal Code relative to the regulation of parades in the City of Jackson, Tennessee, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mike Hewitt and Mr. Jack Matthis, Certified Public Accountants with Alexander, Thompson & Arnold PLLC, gave a report on the audit conducted for the City of Jackson for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and answered questions. On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Rahm, the audit report from Alexander, Thompson & Arnold PLLC was approved 6-0-3, with Council members Brooks, Dodd, Ellis, Hays, Neudecker and Wallace voting yea and Council members Bray, Buchanan & Rahm abstaining. Council member Wallace expressed for the record how pleased he was with the audit performed by the accounting firm and the resulting audit report. He also mentioned that Mr. Matthis was very appreciative of the City Accounting Department's excellent work and cooperation throughout the audit process.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution requesting a private act to authorize the City of Jackson to designate a docket within the City Court as the Environmental Docket and to establish certain powers of that court.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract in the amount of \$100,000 with the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture for the construction of a livestock barn, which will require a 50/50 match from the City of Jackson and the West Tennessee State Fair Association.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, a contract in the amount of \$26,290.00 with Burris, Thompson and Associates for

a classification and compensation study was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Wallace, a request from the American Family Radio of West Tennessee for funding \$16,666.00 for transportation of the Judge Milton Brown Pullman railroad car to the City of Jackson was approved 6-2-1, with Council members Bray, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays, Rahm and Wallace voting yea, Council members Brooks and Neudecker voting nay and Council member Ellis abstaining.

Council member Buchanan expressed his support of the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force recommendations and the proposed budget amendments associated with the recommendations. On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-42180-111	Drug Control Salaries	335,606.08	36,217.60	371,823.68
110-42110-111	Patrol Salaries	5,956,631.20	57,948.16	6,014,579.36
110-41900-143	TCRS	4,038,800.00	17,179.05	4,055,979.05
110-41900-141	FICA	2,012,000.00	8,504.19	2,020,504.19
110-41900-145	Group Life Insurance	169,400.00	650.00	170,050.00
110-41900-142	Health Ins.	6,682,282.00	1,183.00	6,683,465.00
110-41900-149	Dental Ins.	172,000.00	143.00	172,143.00
110-41900-138	Vision Ins.	25,000.00	136.50	25,136.50
110-43800-111	Engineering Salaries	379,665.60	(77,150)	302,515.60
110-41310-111	Mayor Salaries	276,541.52	17,000.00	293,541.52
110-44100-282	Youth Employment Initiative		20,000.00	20,000.00
110-42110-326	Uniforms and Clothing	90,100.00	21,034.00	111,134.00
<i>Funding:</i>				
131-37900	H & S Fund Balance		102,845.50	102,845.50
<b>POLICE DRUG</b>				
<i>Expenditures:</i>				
141-42129-900	Police Drug Fund Capital		150,000.00	150,000.00
<i>Funding:</i>				
141-27150	Fund Balance		150,000.00	150,000.00

## **Law Enforcement Personnel & Cost Projections Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Recommendations**

The Police Department has reviewed the recommendations contained in the final report of the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force. In addition, we have identified costs, funding sources, and an implementation schedule for the following recommendations:

### **1. Expand the Drug Task Force by 10 Additional Officers**

#### **Staff Recommendations:**

- 5 JPD Officers and 5 Madison County Sheriff Deputies
- City provide 5 officers - 5 cars and related equipment  
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- Target date for implementation – August 2008
- Amend current year budget to authorize hiring additional officers
- Utilize \$150,00 from the 141 Drug Fund toward purchase of City Narcotics vehicles

### **2. Implement a Saturation Patrol Strategy Targeting Specific Neighborhoods**

#### **Staff Recommendations:**

- Hire 2 additional officers
- Utilize the 4 existing Community Crime Reduction Officers
- Augment staffing with Tact Team officers as a secondary mission
- Purchase two (2) fully equipped squad cars in 2009 budget year
- Target date for implementation – August 2008
- Amend current year budget to authorize hiring additional officers - \$21,396

### **3. Re-Establish a Traffic Unit in the Jackson Police Department with 4 Officers**

#### **Staff Recommendations:**

- Create a Traffic Enforcement Unit within the Jackson Police Department
- Staff with 6 officers operating over two shifts
- Purchase vehicle equipment in 2009 budget year
- Amend current year budget to authorize hiring additional officers - \$64,188

## **SUMMARY**

Total implementation of staff recommendations would require amending to the current year budget in the amount of \$604,449.

- \$139,074 to General Fund

- \$465,375 to Capital Outlay

Total city capital outlay costs can be funded utilizing \$150,000 from the 141 Drug Fund for Drug Task Force vehicles and reallocating unexpended funds contained in the Police Department's current year capital budget.

- \$200,000 Generator
- \$ 50,000 Tactical Response Vehicle
- \$ 18,000 Portable Field Office
- \$ 33,350 Portable Radios for Additional Officers for Annexation
- \$ 5,726 Pistols for Additional Officers for Annexation

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Ellis, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-44630-xxx	Fairgrounds		190,203.00	190,203.00
110-44470-xxx	Cultural Performing Arts/The Ned		187,350.75	187,350.75
110-44420-xxx	Oman Arena		261,546.00	261,546.00
110-44410-xxx	Civic Center Building		685,927.00	685,927.00
110-44460-xxx	Carnegie Center		54,453.97	54,453.97
110-44300-xxx	Carnegie Concessions		1,300.00	1,300.00
110-44305-xxx	Oman Concessions		14,800.00	14,800.00
110-44310-xxx	Civic Center Concessions		9,119.00	9,119.00
110-44330-xxx	Fairgrounds Concessions		37,800	37,800
110-44416-xxx	Miss Tennessee Budget		41,246.00	41,246.00
110-44415-xxx	Jackson Centre Budget	2,512,613	(1,235,197)	1,277,416
<i>Funding:</i>				
110-34924	Fairgrounds Building Rentals		103,500	103,500
110-34925	Carnegie Building Rentals		6,700	6,700
110-34923	Civic Center Building Rentals		292,103	292,103
110-34922	Civic Center Ticket Sales		140,000	140,000
110-34917	Oman Building Rentals		56,225	56,225
110-34915	Oman Ticket Sales		88,775	88,775
110-349xx	Ned Center Revenues (see attach.)		68,452	68,452
110-347xx	Jackson Centre Revenues	1,702,704	(1,104,773)	597,931
110-34780	Fairgrounds Concessions		28,000	28,000
110-34734	Carnegie Concessions		500.00	500.00
110-34755	Civic Center Concessions		5,000.00	5,000.00
110-34775	Oman Concessions		10,000.00	10,000.00
110-37900	From Fund Balance	2,283,823.00	554,067	2,837,890

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS INCREASE:**

Account Description	
Talent Procurement	\$132,000.00
Miss Tenn. Budget	\$41,246.00
Salary not transferred	\$53,427.00
Salary Leveling	\$6,770.00
Car Allowances	\$6,300.00
Bank Charges	\$8,000.00
Misc. Startup Costs	\$805.73
for individual buildings (phone lines, additional computers, furniture, etc.)	\$248,548.73

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

<b>General Fund</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-41680-280	Risk Management Training	1,250.00	2,500.00	3,750.00
110-41900-770	Transfer to Schools	9,800,000	(9,033,697.36)	766,302.64
110-41900-515	Professional Liability Ins.	349,722	(2500)	347,222
<i>Funding:</i>				
110-31611	Local Schools Sales Tax	9,800,000	(9,033,697.36)	766,302.64

Increase training budget for Risk Management Department and pull from Professional Liability Insurance Account. Take local schools sales tax out of city budget as it is now paid directly from trustee's office to school system.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, invoices over \$10,000 were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR