

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 7, 2009**

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 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 Johnny Dodd gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented the following proclamations:

- Jumpstart Jackson Community Wellness Month to Tony Black, Sandy MacDiarmid, Annette Wilson, Susan Johnson, Mike Cook, Rodger Jowers, Rhonda Ewing, Giovanti Baker, Michael Richerson, and representatives from Sam’s Club of Jackson, the city’s primary community sponsor for Jumpstart Jackson, Dale Townsend and John Robinson;
- Equal Pay Day to Beth Bates and Mary Jo Middlebrooks;
- Child Abuse Prevention Month to Sherry Stanfill and Paul Alexander;
- Fair Housing Month to Steve Xanthopoulos and Terica Smith; and

- Silver Star Banner Day to Larry Meggs.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the south side of Interstate 40, just east of Exit 85 from SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District, comprising 8.10 acres, more or less, submitted by Jean Haynes.

**SECOND READINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property on the east side of Cooper Anderson Road, just south of Station Oaks Drive, from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-1/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District containing 57.92 acres, more or less, submitted by McAlexander Engineering.

Council member Neudecker made a motion to amend the Ordinance establishing the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency by adding the following information to the last paragraph in Chapter 6, Section 2-602:

“If any committee member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, the member is automatically excused from the committee without further action required by either the committee or the County Commission or the City Council. Upon a member being excused, the Committee Chairperson shall notify the County Chairperson or City Mayor and arrange the slating on the agenda of the next eligible, regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commission or City Council of the appointment of the vacant seat. If the seat is appointed by the County Mayor, the Committee Chairperson shall likewise notify the County Mayor. If the seat is appointed by the City Mayor, the Committee Chairperson shall contact the City Mayor. Upon a member being excused, the Committee Chairperson shall immediately notify the County Commission or the office of the Mayor of such. The County Commission or the Mayor’s Office shall within

three (3) business days, notify the excused member in writing of his/her being excused. Nothing in this section however, shall preclude the reappointment of the excused member."

Council member Wallace seconded the motion and the motion to amend the Ordinance establishing the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency was approved 7-1-1, with Council member Buchanan voting nay and Council member Dodd abstaining. On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance establishing the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency as amended. Council member Buchanan requested that a representative from the East Jackson and West Jackson area be appointed to the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, an Initial Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$6 million general obligation bonds to provide funding for certain public works projects and to fund the incidental and necessary expenses related thereto was approved 7-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, a Resolution authorizing the execution, terms, issuance, sale and payment of not to exceed \$6 million general obligation bonds, Series 2009, was approved 7-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution supporting the use of empty lots for Community Gardens Project. Volunteers for the Community

Gardens Project were present and explained their mission of transforming empty city lots into green living spaces.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution supporting the efforts to pursue tougher state laws and enhance punishment for crimes involving guns and gangs.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, the transfer of a city-owned surplus 1994 Ford Crown Victoria to the American Red Cross was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, a Decorative Power Pole Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Jackson and Jackson Energy Authority for the installation of Decorative Power Poles on East Main Street and East Baltimore Street was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Dodd, an updated Professional Services Agreement with American Traffic Solutions for the operation of existing red light camera enforcement intersections; operation of speed camera enforcement to be added to existing red light camera enforcement intersections; operation of speed camera enforcement at fixed sites and operation of a mobile speed camera enforcement vehicle was approved 6-3, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting yea and Council members Ellis, Neudecker and Rahm voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the following board appointments:

- Industrial Development Board – Appointment of Jeff Brasfield to replace James Allison, who has resigned.
- Jackson Transit Authority – Reappointment of Rev. Lovell Hays.
- Zoning Appeals – Reappointment of Patty Lewis.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, write-offs for mowing, garbage, property taxes, public facilities and checks outstanding were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

---

JERRY GIST, MAYOR