

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2017

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 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; Johnny Dodd; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember Vicky Foote was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Charles “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the November 7, 2017, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist extended an invitation for public comment to anyone present who wished to express comments related to any new business item on the meeting agenda.

Mayor Gist stated that the person appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy in the office of a council member for City Council District Five will serve the unexpired term of Scott Conger. The following people submitted a resume to be considered for the appointment: Ross Taylor Priddy, Anna Parks Covington, FrenCherry R. Miller and Marcia E. Christopher. Mayor Gist thanked the candidates for their resume and asked them to introduce themselves and tell why they want to serve on the City Council. After the candidates introduced themselves to the City Council, Mayor Gist asked City Attorney Lewis Cobb to explain the process of filling the District Five Council vacancy that was declared at the last meeting. Mr. Cobb cited the following passage from the City’s Charter: “A vacancy in the office of a council member shall be filled by

appointment of a qualified resident of that district by a vote of six (6) members of the council. All persons appointed to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of this section (in the City’s Charter), except the mayor, shall serve until the next regularly scheduled municipal election.”

Mayor Gist opened the floor for nominations from council members for a replacement for the District Five council seat. Councilmember Rahm nominated Ross Taylor Priddy; Councilmember Buchanan nominated Anna Parks Covington; and Councilmember Brooks nominated FrenCherry R. Miller. With there being no further nominations, Councilmember Rahm moved that nominations to fill the vacancy be closed. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion and the motion carried. After the nominations were made, the voting proceeded as follows:

Candidate	<u>Ross Taylor Priddy</u>	<u>Anna Parks Covington</u>	<u>FrenCherry R. Miller</u>
	Bray	Buchanan	Brooks
	Rahm	Cisco	
	Wallace	Dodd	
Total Votes	3	3	1

In that no candidate nominated received the vote of six (6) City Council members, Mayor Gist recommended that members of the City Council consider voting for the two candidates that received the most votes. With there being no objections to Mayor Gist’s recommendation, the voting proceeded as follows:

Candidate	<u>Ross Taylor Priddy</u>	<u>Anna Parks Covington</u>
	Bray	Buchanan
	Brooks	Dodd
	Cisco	
	Rahm	
	Wallace	
Total Votes	5	2

In that no candidate received the vote of six (6) City Council members, Mayor Gist recommended that members of the City Council consider voting a third time to fill the council vacancy. With there being no objections to Mayor Gist’s recommendation, the voting proceeded as follows:

Candidate	<u>Ross Taylor Priddy</u>	<u>Anna Parks Covington</u>
	Bray	Buchanan
	Brooks	
	Cisco	
	Dodd	
	Rahm	
	Wallace	
Total Votes	6	1

Pursuant to the City Charter that a vacancy in the office of a council member shall be filled by appointment of a qualified resident of that district by a vote of six (6) members of the council, Ross Taylor Priddy received the six (6) votes required to fill the District Five Council vacancy.

The meeting was recessed at 9:35 a.m. to allow Ross Priddy to be sworn in as the City Council representative for District Five. The meeting was called back to order at 9:50 a.m. with all Council members present except Councilmember Vicky Foote.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property located at 236 Oil Well Road from O-C (Office Center) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, containing 0.92 acres, more or less, submitted by Brandon Buchanan, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the ordinance was

unanimously approved on first reading. Councilmember Buchanan stated that the person requesting the rezoning is of no relationship to him.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to amend Title 15, Chapter 9 of the Jackson Municipal Code relative to Parking Zones, Time Restrictions and Penalties for Violations, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, the ordinance was approved 7-1 on first reading, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, a contract with Dell Marketing, LP for computer leasing in the amount of \$38,148.58 per year for three years: \$114,445.74, lowest and best proposal received, was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, a contract with Brentwood Services Administrators, Inc. for OJI Reinsurance and Third Party Administrator, lowest and best proposal received, was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to build a new City Court building. Included in the resolution is the approval of a contract with Hart Freeland and Roberts for design services at 6.5%.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to acquire a facility up to the appraised value to allow the City to relocate two sub-departments (Parks Maintenance Department and Groundskeeping Department), otherwise; the purchase must come back to the City Council for approval. Included in the resolution is a recommendation to move these departments to 338 Commerce Street.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, a Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Jackson to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures incurred by the Health and Sanitation fund and Sportsplex fund with the proceeds of a tax-exempt 8-year capital outlay note to be issued by the City of Jackson was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Bray, a Resolution authorizing the City of Jackson to issue a \$1,700,000 8-year capital outlay note for reimbursement of certain capital expenditures incurred by the Health and Sanitation fund and Sportsplex fund was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve a Resolution to implement eminent domain action to acquire property for McClellan Road improvements. Councilmember Cisco seconded the motion. Mayor Gist asked if there were any one present who was asked by the City's legal staff to appear today to discuss their issues with the City asking them for their property for road improvements on McClellan Road. There being no one present to speak regarding the matter, the resolution was approved 6-1-1, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Cisco, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace voting yea, Councilmember Buchanan voting nay and Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the appointment of the following people to serve on a nine member Charter Review Committee, one appointee for each of the nine city council districts, was unanimously approved. (Councilmember Dodd left the meeting before the vote was taken on the business item and did not return to the meeting.)

- District 1 – Gary Pickens
- District 2 – Lonell Gunn
- District 3 – Richard Donnell
- District 4 – Nell Huntspon
- District 5 – Gabe Hart
- District 6 – Bart Swift
- District 7 – Tammy Boyd
- District 8 – Brent Cooper
- District 9 – Steve Little

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the appointment of Seth Chandler to the Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Committee was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the following budget amendment requests were approved 6-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining:

SPORTSPLEX		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
124-36351	Capital Outlay Proceeds		429,000	429,000

Capital Outlay Funds borrowed for Sportsplex fund to pay back the General Fund in the amount of \$429,000.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the following budget amendment requests were approved 6-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining:

SOLID WASTE		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
131-36101	Capital Outlay Proceeds		1,251,420	1,251,420

Capital Outlay Funds borrowed for Solid Waste fund to pay back the General Fund in the amount of \$1,251,420.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 6-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR