

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 25, 2009

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for a called meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Council members Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Council member Charles "Pepper" Bray was absent. Also present was Toni Ross, recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Gist gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, the transfer of property located on Eutah Street from the City of Jackson to Jackson Transit Authority was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay. Subject property, appraised at \$120,000, will apply to the City's \$350,000 match for Jackson Transit Authority's new maintenance/administration facility construction.

City attorney, Lewis Cobb, and Dr. Vicki Lake, board chairperson of the Community Redevelopment Agency, were present and answered questions from the City Council members regarding the purchase of 33 properties owned by Lambuth University.

Council member Buchanan read a statement entitled "A Call for Sense of Urgency" which is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

Council member Ellis made a motion to table the Resolution to approve the purchase of the 33 properties owned by Lambuth University. The motion to table was

seconded by Council member Neudecker and failed 4-4, with Council members Brooks, Ellis, Neudecker and Wallace voting yea and Council members Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Rahm voting nay.

Council member Dodd made a motion to approve the Resolution to fund the purchase of the 33 properties owned by Lambuth University. The motion to approve was seconded by Council member Hays.

Council member Neudecker made a motion to amend the Resolution to provide that: (1) the project be completed in no more than 4 years; (2) all of the properties be renovated or sold as single family homes and (3) all of the properties in the area be zoned for historic guidelines.

Council member Buchanan made a motion to call for the question. The motion to call the question was seconded by Council member Dodd and failed 4-4, with Council members Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Rahm voting yea and Council members Brooks, Ellis, Neudecker and Wallace voting nay.

Council member Brooks made a motion to amend the Resolution to fund the purchase of the 33 properties owned by Lambuth University contingent upon Jackson Madison County General Hospital District providing a loan in the amount of \$650,000 to the City of Jackson to use in its support of the Community Redevelopment Agency. The motion to amend was seconded by Council member Rahm and was unanimously approved.

Joey Stoner, Chief Financial Officer at Lambuth University, was present and answered questions from the City Council members. Hal Crocker, Herb Slack, Bart Swift, Frank McMeen, and Daryl Hubbard were present and expressed support for

the purchase of the property. Tim York, Sandra Peterson, Jensie Spratlin and Teresa Trice were present and expressed opposition to the purchase of the property.

The Resolution to fund the purchase of the 33 properties owned by Lambuth University contingent upon Jackson Madison County General Hospital District providing a loan in the amount of \$650,000 to the City of Jackson to use in its support of the Community Redevelopment Agency passed 6-1-1, with Council member Ellis voting nay and Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, the Resolution requesting Jackson Madison County General Hospital District to provide a loan to the City of Jackson to use in its support of the Community Redevelopment Agency passed 6-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

Council member Ellis made a motion to table the proposed budget amendments. The motion to table was seconded by Council member Neudecker. Council member Wallace made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendment contingent upon Jackson Madison County General Hospital District approving a loan in the amount of \$650,000 to the City of Jackson for the purchase of the 33 properties from Lambuth University. Council member Buchanan seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments. Council member Ellis withdrew his motion to table. The motion to approve the budget amendment passed 7-1, with Council member Ellis voting nay.

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-41904-900	Land/Property Purchases for Community Redevelopment Agency		1,300,000	1,300,000

<i>Funding:</i>				
315-36962	Transfer from Debt Service		1,300,000	1,300,000

The City is requesting to use capital funds to provide funds to the Community Redevelopment Agency for the purchase of land and other properties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR

A CALL FOR SENSE OF URGENCY

I offer my support of the Resolution by the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency (JCRA) but at the same time, I submit that the same SENSE OF URGENCY, commitment, dedication and willingness be applied to the urgent restoration, stabilization and fresh start of the 2003 tornado damaged areas of Jackson.

It was once stated by city officials that the City of Jackson was getting out of the housing business. I disagreed with the issue then and now. Yes we need a productive and aggressive housing plan for the betterment of Jackson, but, let us resolve to insure that NO area of our great city is left out of the scope of housing development.

The SENSE OF URGENCY after six years of planning and broken promises for whatever reasons is NOW!!

I submit that a SENSE OF URGENCY for all parts of the City of Jackson, which in reality creates and maintain a sense of community and commitment, be applicable, productive and progressive.

In summary, it is my contention to press on for housing development and restoration for the entire City of Jackson with a listening ear and watchful eye for the effect of end results.

A SENSE OF URGENCY,

Harvey Buchanan
Councilman, District 4
City of Jackson