

City Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024
Jacksonville, Alabama

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met for a Council Meeting on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room at the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive, Jacksonville, Alabama. Council President Tony Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Upon roll call, the following Council Members were present: Coty Galloway, Andrew Green, Sherry Laster, and Terry Wilson. Mayor Johnny Smith, City Administrator Albertha Grant, City Attorney Richard Rhea, and City Clerk Brenda Long were present.

PROCLAMATION: National School Board Month – January 2024 proclamation read by Council Member Green.

WORK SESSION.

- a. **WWG&SB Audit – James Edgar.** James Edgar gave the FY2023 Audit Report. Jacksonville Water Works, Gas, and Sewer Board is compliant with all government standards.
- b. **Resolution No. R-2197-24 regarding the Board of Education Elections – Brenda Long.** City Clerk Brenda Long explained to the Council this Resolution will change the Board of Education elections to coincide with the Municipal Elections as before. Places 3, 4, and 5 will have their elections the same years as the Council and Mayor and Places 1 and 2 will be two years following the Municipal Elections.
- c. **Pyrotecnico Agreement for Jaxfest – Janis Burns.** City Administrator Albertha Grant explained to the Council the contract amount this year is what was budgeted. The event will be the same as last year and at the same location. Date for the event will be July 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Grant did inform the Council to expect an increase in the contract amount next year.
- d. **Retail Strategies Contract Renewal Discussion.** City Administrator Albertha Grant received the year 3 contract with Retail Strategies. The current contract expires April 2024. Council would like Retail Strategies to come and give a presentation on what they have accomplished, what is in the works, and what they see happening in the future.
- e. **Any other business.**
 - i. Planning Development & Stormwater Director Mark Stephens explained the reason for the changes in the Flood Plain Development Ordinance. The changes are required by FEMA and must be approved by February 4, 2024. This is on the agenda for voting tonight.
 - ii. Planning Development & Stormwater Director Mark Stephens gave an update on the Budget Amendment request for the Eastwood Storm Shelter. The budget amendment was approved by FEMA. The new total cost is \$393,680.65 with the City's portion to be \$98,420.16. The construction must be completed by October 24,

2024, but the City can ask for an extension. Next step is to start working with the architect. Council agrees to move forward.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2024, Called Work Session and the January 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

City Administrator noted there were amendments to the agenda as follows:

Main Agenda:

Add:

Item 16: Consider action to approve the employment of the following:

c. Reilly Warren Small, Part-Time Public Safety Communications Officer, Range 12, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Mark Duke.

Item 18: Consider action to accept the resignation of the following:

b. Mary Hope Lambert, Public Safety Communications Officer, effective February 2, 2024.

Amend:

Item 27: Consider action to adjourn into an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(6) to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept for the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property and Section 36-25A-7(a)(7) to discuss matters of economic development, trade, or commerce.

Consent Agenda:

Amend:

Item 21: Requests to attend Conference/Training Session with Costs Exceeding \$1,000.00.

- 1. \$1,545.00 to Christian Lopez to attend Structural Collapse class at the Alabama Fire College, March 11-18, 2024.***

Add:

Item 21. Requests to attend Conference/Training Session with Costs Exceeding \$1,000.00.

3. \$1,205.00 to Marcus Wood to attend Alabama Chief's Association Winter Training Conference in Montgomery, February 18-21, 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Green, to adopt the agenda as amended. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. The Council President asked for comments concerning current Agenda items. There was none.

SUSPENSION OF RULES. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Green, to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. O-651-24 regarding Floodplain Development. Upon roll call vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council President Taylor, Council Member Galloway, Council Member Green, Council Member Laster, and Council Member Wilson; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-651-24. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt Ordinance No. O-651-24 regarding Floodplain Development. Upon roll call vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council President Taylor, Council Member Galloway, Council Member Green, Council Member Laster, and Council Member Wilson; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-650-24. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt Ordinance No. O-650-24 that rezones certain property located in the Southwest Quadrant of the intersection of Mountain Street, NE and 7th Avenue, NE that is known as a one lot subdivision named Jim's Place as recorded in Plat Book KK, Page 63 from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District)(received first reading January 8, 2024). Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2197-24. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Laster, to approve Resolution No. R-2197-24 requesting the Alabama Legislature to introduce legislation to amend Title 45, Chapter 8A, Sections 45-8A-70. Board of Education; Terms; Elections of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

PYROTECNICO AGREEMENT. A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pyrotecnico Agreement for

fireworks display at JaxFest to be held on July 3, 2024, per the attached. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

WWG&SB FY2023 AUDIT. A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Laster, to accept the WWG&SB FY2023 Audit as presented by Edgar & Associates, per the attached. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the employment of the following:

- a. Sara Ann Melton, Recreation & Athletics Assistant, Range 7, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273 (new position).
- b. Cameron Antoine Russell, Utility Maintenance Assistant, Range 10, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the promotion of Aaron Bergquist.
- c. Reilly Warren Small, Part-Time Public Safety Communications Officer, Range 12, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Mark Duke.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

TRANSFER. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the transfer of the following:

- a. David "Drew" Tinker, Full-Time Corrections Officer, Range 9, effective January 24, 2024, due to the resignation of Taylor Cross.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Laster, to accept the resignation of the following:

- a) Cameron L. Watkins, Police Officer, effective January 23, 2024.
- b) Mary Hope Lambert, Public Communications Officer, effective February 2, 2024.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS. A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the following:

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS.

1. Police.
 - a. Increase Account No. 10-02-6101-00-70335 in the amount of \$20.19 for restitution.

PURCHASES OVER \$7,500.00.

1. Utility Office.
 - a. \$8,819.50 to Empire Pipe & Supply for the purchase of antennas and modules to convert octave meters to radio read.
 - b. \$38,405.65 to Empire Pipe & Supply for the purchase of 6" fireline meter and vault and 2" water meter and vault for Whataburger (to be reimbursed by contractor).
 - c. \$61,522.84 to Empire Pipe & Supply for the purchase of 6" fireline meter, 4" water line meter and vault, and 2" meter for irrigation for JSU ROC (to be reimbursed by JSU contractor).
 - d. \$10,893.04 to Neal's Measurement for gas at JSU Housing and JSU Football Ops (to be reimbursed by contractor).

REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES/TRAINING SESSION WITH COSTS EXCEEDING \$1,000.00.

1. \$1,545.00 to Christian Lopez to attend Structural Collapse class at the Alabama Fire College, March 11-18, 2024.
2. \$2,745.00 to Blake Curry to attend Structural Collapse class at the Alabama Fire College, March 11-18, 2024.
3. \$1,205.00 to Marcus Wood to attend Alabama Chief's Association Winter Training Conference in Montgomery, February 18-21, 2024.

DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

1. PARD.
 - a. Decal No. 3850 – Hoshizaki Ice Maker, Model #500MAH – scrap.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS. The Council President asked for comments concerning general items. There was none.

COUNCIL MEMBER REMARKS. The Council President asked for comments. There was one.

- Council Member Green appreciated being permitted to acknowledge the City of Jacksonville Board of Education and thanked the board for all they do for the city schools and students.


MAYOR'S REPORT.

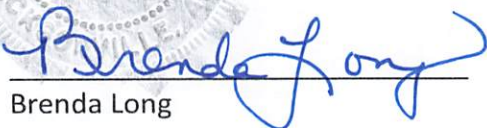
- **Notary Service:** Free service at the Jacksonville Library; available Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. No notaries from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call first to know availability and what to bring (256) 644-0003.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Jacksonville Community Center, Event Room, 501 Alexandria Road SW, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **JSU Intern:** Mayor Smith introduced JSU Intern Trisha Daigle who is an expert on grants.

OTHER BUSINESS. The Council President asked if there was any other business. There was none.

CONSIDER ACTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to adjourn into an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(6) to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept for the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property and Section 36-25A-7(a)(7) to discuss matters of economic development, trade, or commerce. Upon roll call vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council President Taylor, Council Member Galloway, Council Member Green, Council Member Laster, and Council Member Wilson; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:




Brenda Long
City Clerk


Tony Taylor
Council President

THE CITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CHICAGO, ILL.
JANUARY 10, 1900

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CHICAGO, ILL.

Very respectfully,
S. J. [Signature]

