



Mayor Carlos Duffey
Councilman Theodore Patterson: District 1
Councilman Lewis Sims: District 2
Councilman Ricky “P-Nut” Johnson: District 3
Councilman Don Cook: District 4
Councilwoman Beth S. Weaver: District 5
Regular Meeting
Minutes

January 17, 2023

7:00 pm

Present:

Mayor Carlos Duffey
Councilman Theodore Patterson, District 1
Councilman Lewis Sims, District 2
Councilman Ricky Johnson, District 3 (Conference Call)
Councilman Don Cook, District 4
Councilwoman Beth Weaver, District 5 (Attended at 7:15pm)

The City Council of Jackson met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2022, at the City Hall. The meeting was open to the public and called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Mayor Carlos Duffey

Mayor Carlos Duffey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Don Cook made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendments to add Rick Williams’s proclamation as item number 4 under Proclamations and add approval to submit the comprehensive plan to Three Rivers Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs for review, seconded by Councilman Theodore Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Work Session Minutes January 3, 2023.

2. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes January 3, 2023.**
3. **Approval of Executive Session Minutes January 3, 2023.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Don Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Woody a resident at 182 McCord St. brought his concerns about not having a patrol car at the school located by Shiloh Rd. He explained that this was a very dangerous place for cars to get in and out. He believes that even one patrol car would be sufficient to fix the problem. The Mayor and Council informed Mr. Woody that this property was in the County and that we would pass the message to the right person.

Rusty Barnes, the City of Jackson Public Works Director spoke up and congratulated Mayor Duffey on his program at Zion Church for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He expressed how proud of the mayor he is.

4. REPORTS

1. **Revenue and Expense Reports**
2. **Monthly Department Reports**

5. PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Burt Jones's Proclamation**
2. **Mike Collins's Proclamation**
3. **Clint Crowe's Proclamation**
4. **Rick Williams's Proclamation**

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Comprehensive Plan**

Public Hearing Opened: 7:10 pm

Paul Jerrell with Three Rivers Regional Commission presented the public hearing. Paul Jerrell passed out a copy of the Map to the Mayor, Council, and the audience. The floor was opened for public comments. There were no public comments.

Public Hearing Closed 7:13 pm

2. **Zoning Case number 01-01-2023 Administrative rezoning of 10 parcels.**

Public Hearing Opened : 7:13 pm

Christy Williams, Zoning Administrator for the City of Jackson presented Zoning case number 01-01-2023 Administrative rezoning of 10 parcels. In considering an administrative zoning, we are doing so in an intentional way that considers our service levels, resources, and the balance between the community and the landowner. These decisions are not arbitrary nor are they capricious. These administrative rezoning recommendations are the result of many discussions during public meetings, input from citizens during public hearings and contacts in the

community. The recommendations are an effort to manage growth in a way that considers the health and welfare of the entire City of Jackson, considerations that include traffic flow, water and sewer, public safety, public works, and city services. The recommendations are in no way an effort to take away what belongs to a private landowner, but instead to ensure Jackson's growth is manageable, responsible, and in response to what is best for the community.

Public comments open to all in agreement with the zoning case: NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments open to all in opposition to the zoning case:

Ben Dover owner of 2 of the parcels up for rezoning, parcels J0050-044-000 & 00330-038-000 spoke in opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Dover asked to be put on the record that he is present at this meeting to protect his constitutional right and provided a document to be added to the minutes stating that he has permission to speak on behalf of his wife Vickie Dover. Mr. Dover expressed his plans for his properties and that the rezoning of these properties will severely diminish their value. He addressed the mayor and council informing them that they are making a serious error in doing this rezoning. He stated that the City of Jackson is in serious need of rental property, and this is his intention with his parcels of land. He stated that he is completely opposed to diminishing the value of his properties.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:22 pm

3. Public Hearing Opened: 7:23 pm

Christy Williams, Zoning Administrator for the City of Jackson presented Zoning case number 01-02-2023 Zoning ordinance amendments pertaining to RM and MHC regulations.

Public comments open to all in agreement with the zoning case: NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments open to all in opposition to the zoning case: NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Hearing Closed: 7:24 pm

7. ORDINANCES

1. Second Read of ORDINANCE 2022-012

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 10: SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTER; TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0012, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

2. SECOND Read of ORDINANCE 2023-001

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE REZONING OF 10 PROPERTIES/PARCEL and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-001, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed by a 3 to 2 vote with Councilman Ricky Johnson and Councilman Don Cook in opposition.

3. SECOND Read of ORDINANCE 2023-002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MHC - MANUFACTURED HOME REGULATIONS AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTER; TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-002, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

4. SECOND Read of ORDINANCE 2023- 003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, GEORGIA AMENDING THE CITY'S CHARTER TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §36-35-3 AND O.C.G.A. §36-35-4.1; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-003, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

8. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2023-001

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK, PAGE 3; B. CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYMENT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION DATE AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. And to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-001, seconded by Councilman Lewis Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the yearly National Guard Donation of \$1,200.00 for upkeep and in case of natural disaster, the City of Jackson will be able to use the armory without a rental fee and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Don Cook made the motion to approve Item Number 1 under New Business, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Approval of the Stanebrook Subdivision lighting service agreement with Georgia Power in the amount of \$871.92 monthly and \$186.84 monthly and authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Don Cook made the motion to approve Item Number 2 under New Business, seconded by Councilman Theodore Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Approval of appraisal fee of \$2,500.00 for two City of Jackson properties and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Don Cook made the motion to approve Item Number 3 under New Business, seconded by Councilman Theodore Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Approval of GMC's recommendation to go with the lowest bidder for Carter Ave. & Chestnut Dr. storm sewer improvements, using F.S. Scarbrough, LLC in the amount of \$142,040.08, and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Don Cook made the motion to approve Item Number 4 under New Business, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Approval to transmit the comprehensive plan to Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for their review and approval of the plan and to authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to approve Item Number 5 under New Business, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

10. AGENDA AMENDMENT

1. Approval to amend the agenda to add Litigation to the Executive Session Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to approve the agenda amendment to add litigation to the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Lewis Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel, Property, and Litigation

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to enter executive session for personnel, Property, and Litigation seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

Enter: 7:42 pm

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to exit the executive session for personnel, Property, and litigation and reconvene the regular session seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

EXIT: 8:24 pm

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Personnel discussion in Executive Session and authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to approve item number 1 under Executive Session New Business, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of property discussion in Executive Session and authorize Mayor Duffey to execute any related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Theodore Patterson made the motion to approve item number 2 under Executive Session New Business, seconded by Councilwoman Beth Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Carlos Duffey expressed his excitement about the great turnout for the street dedication ceremony held for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mayor Duffey spoke of the Black history of First St. and explained that this decision to change this street was based on this. He spoke of the turnout of the ceremony held for MLK Day held at Zion Church.

Councilman Don Cook announced the upcoming Trash Pickup Day. He expressed his excitement and discussed all the ways to advertise this event. Councilwoman Beth Weaver spoke of the Adopt a Street program and discussed advertising for this. Councilman Theodore Patterson expressed his sadness about our Water and Sewer department employee Vincent Ellis resigning. He did express the gratitude that he holds for the City Employees and how they all come together to help each other out during a time of crisis.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Lewis Sims made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Theodore Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Carlos L Duffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjorie Stansell, City Clerk