



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session, in compliance with the State of Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-48, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was offered by Second Ward City Councilmember Freddie Dancy.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Councilmembers Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Laura Dwyer Schlecte, and Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: Interim City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, and City Clerk Andrea Muray.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to adopt the agenda. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Hearing for the Necessity of Overhead Lighting Installation, Morrell Street - Orchard Place to Cooper Street:**
Public hearing for the necessity of installation of overhead street lighting installation on Morrell Street from Orchard Place to Cooper Street.

No correspondence was submitted regarding the proposed project.

- 1. Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the resolution order the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- B. Public Hearing for the Necessity of Street Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement, Washington Avenue – Fourth Street to First Street:**
Public hearing for the necessity of street reconstruction and water main replacement on Washington Avenue from Fourth Street to First Street.

No correspondence was submitted regarding the proposed project.

- 1. Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

- C. Public Hearing for the Necessity of Street Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement, Third Street – Washington Avenue to Michigan Avenue:**
Public hearing for the necessity of street reconstruction and water main replacement on Third Street from Washington Avenue to Michigan Avenue.

Correspondence submitted by John King – 203 Third Street, and Brett Boland (Horizon Management LC) – 115 Third Street, were read into the record.

- 1. Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the resolution order the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Public Hearing for the Necessity of Street Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement, Clinton Street – Homecrest Road to Blackstone Street:

Public Hearing for the necessity of street reconstruction and water main replacement on Clinton Street from Homecrest Road to Blackstone Street

No correspondence was submitted regarding the proposed project.

1. *Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Public Hearing for the Necessity of Overhead Lighting Installation, Adrian Street - Morrell Street to Merriman Street and Merriman Street - Adrian Street to MLK Equality Trail:

Public Hearing for the necessity of installation of overhead street lighting installation on Adrian Street from Morrell Street to Merriman Street, and Merriman Street from Adrian Street to the MLK Equality Trail.

No correspondence was submitted regarding the proposed project.

1. *Resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the resolution ordering the construction and preparation of the special assessment roll. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

City Clerk Andrea Muray read into the record the citizen comments that were submitted.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. CDBG and HOME Financial Summaries:

Accept and place on file the CDBG and HOME Financial Summaries through March 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to accept and place on file. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2020: *Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 14, 2020.*

B. Special Event Application for the annual Cascades Memorial Day Fireworks Celebration: *Approve a request from the Jackson County Parks Department to conduct their annual Memorial Day Fireworks celebration on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the Sparks Foundation County Park.*

C. Special Event Application for the Jackson County Veteran’s Council Memorial Day Procession and Ceremony: *Approve a request from the Jackson County Veteran’s Council to conduct their Memorial Day Procession and Ceremony on Monday, May 25, 2020 on the streets of downtown Jackson.*

D. Special Event Application for the annual Cascades 4TH of July Fireworks celebration: *Approve a request from the Jackson County Parks Department to conduct their annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration on Friday, July 3, 2020 at the Sparks Foundation County Park.*

E. Special Event Application for the Country Boots and Bands Locash Concert: *Approve a request from Country Boots and Bands to conduct the Locash Concert on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson.*

F. Special Event Application for the annual Cascades Labor Day Fireworks celebration: *Approve a request from the Jackson County Parks Department to conduct their annual Labor Day Fireworks celebration on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at the Sparks Foundation County.*

G. Downtown Development Authority Bylaw Amendments Recommendation: *Approval of the request from the Jackson Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to amend their bylaws, as recommended by the DDA at their April 16, 2020 meeting.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve the consent calendar with Items B, C, D, E, and F being pulled for separate consideration. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to postpone Items B, C, D, E, and F until the May 12, 2020 Council Meeting, and require each applicant to submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Noxious Weeds Ordinance No. 2020-04 Amendment to Include the Invasive Species as Defined by the State of Michigan. (Second Reading/Final Adoption)

Recommendation: *Final adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-04 amending Chapter 26, Article III, Section 26-75, City Code, to include the invasive species as defined by the State of Michigan.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve for final adoption. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Confirmation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Recommendation: *Confirm Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Projects for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 and Final Funding Allocations for those Projects.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to confirm Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Projects for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and final funding allocations for those projects. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Funding Letters for Pension Systems

Recommendation: *Receive the actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2019 for the Act 345 Policemen's & Firemen's Retirement Plan, the Employees Retirement System and the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System, and approve the actuarial funding necessary for the fiscal year 2020-2021.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to receive the actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2019 for the Act 345 Policemen's & Firemen's Retirement Plan, the Employees Retirement System and the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System, and approve the actuarial funding necessary for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. First Amended Lighting Contract between Energy Reduction Coalition a Michigan nonprofit and the City of Jackson

Recommendation: *Approve the proposed First Amended Lighting Contract between Energy Reduction Coalition a Michigan nonprofit and the City of Jackson.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the first amended lighting contract between Energy Reduction Coalition and the City of Jackson. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3366.

Recommendation: *Approve a Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3366 for repaving of North Street from Cooper Street to Lansing Avenue, confirmed February 7, 2012.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the corrective resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 3366. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, and Forgrave (6). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, and Forgrave offered comments. Councilmember Schlecte was unable to offer comments due to technical difficulties.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Interim City Manager Jonathan Greene offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.