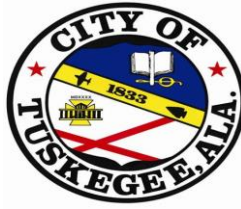


CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
OFFICIAL MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd TUESDAY, JUNE 08, 2021



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Regular Session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021** at 5:36 PM in the LM Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Rev. Cloud.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member-at-Large Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Norma McGowan Jackson
Council Member Johnny Ford
Council Member Orlando R. Whitehead

All Members were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson to accept the agenda as circulated with the following additions: add Resolutions: Lawrence McRae, deceased, Bernice Moore Percy and Farrell Duncombe, deceased; Golden Parachute, Main Street Alabama, 2nd Bond Issue and Street Paving. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (May 25, 2021):

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for May 25, 2021, as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence F. "Tony" Haygood, Jr.

- A. City Council Work Session:
 1. Golden Parachute
 2. Main Street Alabama
 3. Place Makers – Action Plan Ideas
- B. Announcements.

9. **TU SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** NONE

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Derrick E. Swanson, City Manager.

- A. Chief's Presentations:
 - 1. Police Dept. – Loyd Jenkins
 - 2. Fire Dept. Willie Smith
- B. Council Updates / Concerns:
 - 1. 2nd Bond Issue
 - 2. Street Patching/Paving
 - 3. Curfew for City Lake
 - 4. Lot next to Police Dept.
 - 5. Cutting at City Lake
- C. Street Maintenance Report.

D. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to receive the Financial Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Frankie L. Williams, Finance Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- E. Head Start Report (Mia Hutcherson, Director)
 - 1. Executive Director's Report (May 2021)
 - 2. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks (May 2021)
 - 3. Enrollment & Attendance Report. (May 2021)
 - 4. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report (May 2021)
 - 5. Education/Disabilities Report (May 2021)

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept and receive the Head Start Report as presented by Mia Hutcherson. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

F. Motion Filed Municipal Airport Report. (Nikki Jordan)

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson to receive the Airport Report presented by Airport Manager, Nikki Jordan. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

G. T.I.M.S. (relocating Police Dept.)

H. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES:**

A. Ordinance No. 2021-05. (1st Reading)

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. **Resolution No. 2021-74.** Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Bernice Moore Percy, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson to adopt and approve resolution no. 2021-74 as ratifying action taken during the April 27th Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-74

Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Bernice Moore Percy, deceased

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak is Bernice Moore Percy; and

WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the things she taught and the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Bernice Moore Percy and express sympathy to her family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Resolution and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Ms. Bernice Moore Percy.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

B. Resolution No. 2021-75. Celebrating and Remembering the life of Lawrence McRae, deceased. Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to adopt and approve resolution no. 2021-75 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Lawrence McRae, deceased. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-75

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Lawrence McRae, deceased

WHEREAS, in life, we experience a great multitude of trials and triumphs. The greatest triumph may be that love that lasts forever; and

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak, is Lawrence McRae; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived. Lawrence McRae was an advocate for others; and

WHEREAS, it is our sincere hope, that joyful memories, mercy, and grace will rule your thoughts and rest within your family in the weeks and months to come. We pray that comfort and peace will reign. And ask that all pause and remember Lawrence McRae and his many good deeds; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence created the McRae Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation. In 2007 and 2010, McRae Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation started doing Community Outreach (PSA) testing with East Alabama Medical Cancer Center. In 2007-McRae Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation purchased a mobile unit to be used to promote prostate cancer awareness at health fair throughout Alabama's Black-Belt. The mobile unit is used to disseminate educational material and serve as the host site for medical staff providing the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test for prostate cancer. In 2004- McRae Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation (MPCAF) launched: Waging War Against Prostate Cancer in Alabama. From 2000 to present, McRae Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation has participated in 100 health fair and attended 25 health seminars throughout the Black-Belt, advocating for early screening for prostate cancer, recruited over 5,000 men for participation in prostate cancer program initiatives, and has created, hosted, and managed a web site about prostate cancer. www.McRaepcaf.org.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Lawrence McRae and express sympathy to his family and friends.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

C. Resolution No. 2021-76. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Farrell Duncombe, deceased. Motion was made by Council Member Ford to adopt and approve resolution no. 2021-76 as stated supporting the Black Wall Street Commemoration in the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-76

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Rev. Farrell Duncombe, deceased

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak is Farrell Duncombe; and

WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did, the things he taught and the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, Farrell Duncombe was born in Selma, Alabama and later moved to Montgomery with his family early in his childhood. It was his parents' dedication to serving that inspired him to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Farrell Duncombe raised his children as a living example of his most beloved mantra: "Only what you do for Christ will last". He was a former Montgomery Public School teacher, band director and administrator in addition to leading multiple congregations throughout the city, Duncombe was, to many, a source of inspiration and guidance. He was a father figure to generations of students, and he was the kind of man who never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, outside of teaching, which also included serving as Carver High's principal, Duncombe served as Grand Chapter Chaplain of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and at the time of his death, as pastor of the First Congregational First Christian Church. Among many accolades includes being named Man of the Year 2021 by the Emancipation Association of Montgomery. Pastor Farrell Duncombe was a compassionate man who made a positive influence in the lives of so many that encountered him.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Rev. Farrell Duncombe and express sympathy to his wife of 55 years, Juanita Delores, his two children: United States Army Colonel Farrell J. Duncombe, II, (Antionette), and Dr. Djuana T. Paden (Jerome); and his grandchildren: Farrell Jackson Duncombe, III, Loryn Nacola Duncombe, and Trinity Delana Wilson and host of relatives and friends.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

D. Resolution No. 2021-77. Commendations to Major Holland & Rev. C.P. Noble for efforts regarding the Charles G. Gomillion Building

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to adopt and approve resolution no. 2021-77 as stated supporting the nomination of Fred Gray for the Presidential Medal of Honor. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-77

A Resolution Thanking Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble for community efforts/service regarding the Charles G. Gomillion Building

WHEREAS, Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble are notable citizens in the community and has brought great respect, honor, and integrity to the City of Tuskegee and the office of the City Manager by leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of community service, ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

WHEREAS, Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble volunteered numerous hours, incurred personal sacrifice and exhibited outstanding community spirit in their service, acting as an agent of change, while maintaining a demeanor that made working with them a pleasure; and

WHEREAS, Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble imparted knowledge and wisdom to those they mentor, compassion, and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to the citizens of the city of Tuskegee and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble's unwavering commitment, willingness, and ability to understand and respond to the concerns of the City of Tuskegee, has made a substantial contribution to the betterment of the City of Tuskegee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby commend and thank Major Holland and Rev. C.P. Noble for their time-honored legacy of dedication, enthusiasm and outstanding public service given to the community and to the City of Tuskegee.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** Law Offices of Milton Carver Davis, Attorney at Law.

1.) Atty. Davis stated that on June 1, 2021, that Council had its comprehensive update relating to the City of Tuskegee all of the lawyers came in and you had it writing and it was a comprehensive update on all pending legal matters.

2.) He also stated that he wanted to keep two things on the council's mind:

a) the issue of closing streets that are in such grave condition that they pose a hazard, close those streets to all people except the residents that live on those streets, provide the barricades and signage and other indicators to provide safety so the public will know that they cannot pass through on those streets. This should be done by resolution letting residents know that the road is closed to through traffic and only the residents are allowed to access the road.

b) The other thing has to do with forming a standard task force regarding the abatement process. The tasks force will eliminate the nuisance whatever it may be.

14. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

1. Ala Whitehead RE: Thanks for cutting around the City Lake

2. Jacqueline D. Gullette RE: Thanks to Council Members & City Manager for 807 Della Sullins Drive
3. Darryl Alexander RE: Speed Bumps on Lassiter Street/Benson Avenue
4. Sandra Cason RE: Thank you for Memorial Day Weekend

15. **OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 7:47 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for council to enter executive session. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.
- 8:08 PM Motion was made by Council Member Ford for council to end executive session. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the Main Street Alabama project and have it ready for the next city council meeting. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to authorize the City Manager to move forward with paving regarding the Bibb Street/ALDOT project immediately. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to authorize the City Manager to call Roland Vaughan to resolve the plumbing issue at the Herbert E. Carter Terminal Building move forward with the Main Street Alabama project and have it ready for the next city council meeting. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Lee moved to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk