

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Repeated Lord's Prayer in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Council Member Ala Whitehead  
Council Member Georgette White Moon  
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

***The record reflects that all members of the Council were present for this meeting.***

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: restrooms at gas stations; traffic light at VA Road; Franchise Fee Adjustments; CMO Designation and MLK Breakfast. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** December 15, 2015 & December 22, 2015

A. Minutes for December 15<sup>th</sup>:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and corrections. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for December 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and corrections. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

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

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Johnny Ford

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Tuskegee Historic Preservation Commission: Presentation by Marie Lyles
- C. Restrooms at Gas Stations.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood authorizing the City Manager to contact the business owners notifying them of the requirement of having public restrooms available to the public. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

D. Traffic Light at VA Road.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to ask the City Attorney/City Manager to ask the Alabama Dept. of Transportation to do a study for the traffic light at VA Road and to hold a public hearing before anything is done. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to ask the City Attorney/City Manager to ask the Alabama Dept. of Transportation to reroute the all truck traffic from Chappie James to Wire Road (Exit 42) again. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Announcements.

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

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James W. Harper, City Manager.

A. Storm Damage Update

B. Street Maintenance Report.

C. Financial Report. (Council's Report)

D. CDBG Resolution for FY 2015 Funds: Revision to Resolution 2015-67

E. Announcements:

- City of Tuskegee will be Closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

11. **ORDINANCES:**

A. Ordinance 2016-2. An ordinance changing the franchise fee from 5% to back to 3%.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to ask the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance separate from the other ordinance moving to change the franchise fee from 5% to back to 3% to be considered at the next city council meeting if so desired by council. Council Member Moon seconded the motion; and on call for the question, the following was recorded:

**VOTING AYE**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Council Member Georgette White Moon  
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

**VOTING NAY**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Council Member Ala Whitehead

Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution 2016-12. CDBG FY2015 Funds Name Revision to Resolution 2015-67.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve resolution 2016-12 as stated making the name revision to resolution number 2015-67 (changing Harvey L. Smith to James W. Harper, City Manager). Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has been established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tuskegee, acting by and through its Council proposes to apply for FY2015 CDBG Large City Funds for road and water improvements and demolition activities; and

**WHEREAS**, under terms and provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Tuskegee City Council as a recipient of these funds is required to designate and appoint a Financial Officer to perform certain duties in the administration of said grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Tuskegee City Council, as follows:

**THAT**, James W. Harper, City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting FY15 CDBG funds in the amount of \$450,000; and

**THAT**, the Tuskegee City Council hereby obligates to provide up to a \$106,790 cash match, necessary to complete the proposed project; and

**THAT**, James W. Harper, City Manager, is hereby designated as the Financial Officer under the terms and pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and is directed and empowered to make necessary assurances and to perform on behalf of the Tuskegee City Council those acts and assume such duties as are consistent with said position.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James W. Harper, City Manager

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that he is continually working with respect to advising council on the lawsuit regarding the franchise fee. He stated that he continually stays in contact with the City Manager with respect to the different contracts and memorandums of understanding on matters of the City. He stated that one lawsuit that was filed in federal court received summary judgment in the City's favor and that case is over.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to have a financial meeting prior to the next City Council Meeting (January 26, 2016) at 5:00 PM. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7:27 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:05 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Moon moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk