

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 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 Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Rev. Otis Head.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tempore Annie M. Brown
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: Under the Mayor's Communications: A1. Abatement of sales tax on building materials for Quality of Life; A2. Downtown Development Plan; A3. Special committee for Gomillion Building, A4.) NAMI Day, A5.) National walk at lunch day and A6.) 2017 ALM Voting Delegate; Under Resolutions: 12A.) Resolution for Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor, 12B.) Resolution for Herman C. Lane, 12C.) Resolution for Dr. Karl Sterlin, 12D.) A Resolution for AKA NAMI Mental Health Awareness and 12E.) MS Walk (Yolanda Holland). Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** February 15, 2017.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve the minutes for February 15, 2017 as circulated with the necessary changes. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Bernice L. Frazier RE: AKA NAMI Mental Health Awareness, April 8, 2017
2. Eddie Moore & Lorraine Williams RE: One-way Streets near Tuskegee Public School: Laslie/Price St.
3. Roland Vaughan RE: Girls Softball Team
4. Dr. Jacqueline Brooks RE: One-way Streets near Tuskegee Public School: Laslie/Price Streets
5. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: 14th Annual Carver Festival
6. Willie Scroggins RE: Orientation on Street Paving in Tuskegee
7. Eric Love RE: Request for the City of Tuskegee to use his Firm as auditors
8. Yolanda Holland RE: Hosting a MS Walk in the City of Tuskegee, April 29, 2017

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
 1. Abatement of Sales Tax revenue on the building materials for Quality of Life Health Care.

2. Downtown Redevelopment Plan.
3. Special Committee for the Gomillion Building.
4. NAMI Mental Health Awareness, April 8, 2017.
5. National Walk at Lunch Day, April 26, 2017.
6. 2017 ALM Voting Delegates:

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to appoint Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr. as the voting delegate, Annie L. Brown as the 1st alternate voting delegate and Shirley W. Curry as the 2nd alternate voting delegate for the Annual Alabama League of Municipalities Convention Annual Business Session to be held May 20-23, 2017. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. Announcements.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** Destiny Green, SGA Vice President

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

A. Council Updates / Concerns.

B. Street Maintenance Report.

C. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the Financial Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Frankie L. Williams, Finance Director. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

D. Head Start Report: (Nannette Phillips)

1. Executive Director's Report. (Feb 2017)
2. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report. (Feb 2017)
3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Feb 2017)
4. Enrollment and Attendance Report. (Feb 2017)
5. Teaching Strategies GOLD Winter Assessment Report.
6. Disability Waiver Request.
7. Annual Self Assessment.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to accept and receive the Head Start Report as circulated and presented by Nannette Phillips, Head Start Director. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the Disability Waiver Request for Head Start. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

E. Rescinding the agreement dated June 29, 2016 and amended agreement dated, July 13, 2016 with Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC (Thomas Reed, Jr.)

F. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2017-32. Rescinding the agreement dated, June 29, 2016 and the amendment dated, July 13, 2016 with Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and adopt resolution number 2017-32 rescinding the agreement dated, June 29, 2016 and the amendment agreement dated, July 13, 2016 with Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32

A Resolution Rescinding the Agreement dated, June 29, 2016 and the Agreement dated, July 13, 2016 with Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reported to the City Council that upon review and inquiry of all of the requirements and specifications set forth in the Real Property Lease Agreement between the Lessor: City of Tuskegee, Alabama and Lessee: Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC (TSS) that significant discrepancies currently exist with the Lessee Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC performing the prerequisites necessary for full performance under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, after due notice has been given to the Lessee Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC to cure these discrepancies and fulfill the necessary requirements of the Lease the Lessee has failed to cure the discrepancies regarding the following:

1. TSS has not met development time-lines specified in the Agreement.
2. TSS did not provide acceptable proof of financial viability as required under the terms and condition.
3. TSS has substituted a Pyrolysis System which uses manufactured rubber tires as a component of its system which completely changes the methodology and purposes of the Agreement as negotiated between the Lessor and Lessee and introduces a system of production which is not environmentally sound and practical for Tuskegee Commerce Park,
4. and for other substantive reasons; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the City Manager that the Agreement be declared null and void based on the above stated reasons,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that the Lease existing between the City of Tuskegee and TSS is hereby cancelled and declared null and void effective immediately and that the City Manager is authorized to formally notify the Lessee TSS of this resolution and action by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 14th day of March, 2017.

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. 2017- 33. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-33 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33

Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor

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 Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor; 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;

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 Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor and express sympathy to her survivors; 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 Dr. Elizabeth B. Taylor.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed this the 14th day of March, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR., Mayor

C. Resolution No. 2017-34. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Herman C. Lane, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-34 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Herman Cornelius Lane, deceased. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34

Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Herman Cornelius Lane, 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 Herman Cornelius Lane; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life which was much too short, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his parents, Herman Lane and Niquithia Dawson; his siblings, Erik Wilson, Amber Lane, Caitlan Jackson, Jalen Foster, and Jaylynn Howard. He is also survived by his extended family and many friends; and

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of 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 Herman Cornelius Lane and express sympathy to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Herman Cornelius Lane.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR., MAYOR

D. Resolution No. 2017-35. A Resolution in support of NAMI Mental Health Awareness, April 8, 2017.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-35 as stated supporting AKA/NAMI Mental Health Awareness in the City of Tuskegee on April 8, 2017. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35

A Resolution in Support of Celebrating AKA/NAMI Mental Health Awareness

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc., Beta Xi Omega Chapter of Tuskegee, Alabama, promotes health awareness in several areas, and Mental Health will be highlighted as members bring attention to mental illness among diverse populations with low utilization of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Sorority and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) partner to promote mental health awareness; and

WHEREAS, AKA and NAMI respect the integrity and the individuality of people affected by mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, AKA and NAMI condemn acts of stigma and discrimination toward people living with mental illness, whether by intent, ignorance, or insensitivity; and

WHEREAS, AKA and NAMI support health care for all persons with mental illnesses that is affordable and nondiscriminatory and includes coverage for the most effective and appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, mental health systems are ultimately responsible for treating all people with severe mental illness and it is never appropriate to allow the care of such persons to be shifted to the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions can:

- 1). can make it hard to live day-to-day life,
- 2). take a toll on personal and professional relationships,
- 3). occur at any age (50% begin by age 14),
- 4). are treatable,
- 5). are not divine punishment,
- 6). are not anybody's fault,
- 7). are not the result of bad parenting,
- 8). are not caused by weakness or lack of willpower; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, that Saturday, April 8, 2017 is hereby proclaimed

AKA-Beta Xi Omega/NAMI Mental Health Awareness Day

In the City of Tuskegee, Alabama

In witness, I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR., Mayor

A. Resolution No. 2017-36. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Dr. Karl Sterlin, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-36 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Dr. Karl Sterlin, deceased. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36

Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Dr. Karl Sterlin, 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 Dr. Karl Sterlin; 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, 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 Dr. Karl Sterlin and express sympathy to his survivors; 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 Dr. Karl Sterlin.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed this the 14th day of March, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR., Mayor

B. Resolution No. 2017-37. A Resolution in support of MS Walk in the City of Tuskegee, April 26, 2017.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-37 as stated supporting a MS Walk in the City of Tuskegee on April 29, 2017. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

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

Atty. Davis stated that he does not have a public report and he will address council during the executive session.

14. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS (1 minute each):**

1. Dr. Otis Head RE: Tuskegee University Bridge-Builders will sponsor a HBCU Tour of a Nashville HBCU School March 23-25, 2017

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

7:57 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to enter the Executive Session to discuss good name in character. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:48 PM Motion was made by Council Member Lee for Council to come out of the Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown 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 Whitehead moved to adjourn at 8:48 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk