

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.**
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.
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead

ABSENT

Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

The reflects a quorum 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: adding District Scout Director regarding Law Enforcement Explorer Program, Guidelines for the Parks and City Liability for Retirement and Pension Funds. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** June 23, 2015 and June 30, 2015

A. Minutes for June 23, 2015:

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

B. Minutes for June 30, 2015:

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

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Rev. William Lennard, Dr. Lafayette Frederick, Ann Frederick and their daughter, Carla Miller and her Group from Cleveland, Ohio RE: Adopt-A-Dorm (assisted with the Parks & Rec Dept.)
2. Lenora Goode RE: Public Service Notice regarding service rendered at Quality of Life

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Boards and Commissions:
 - 1. Medical Clinic Board (Appointment)
 - 2. Historic Preservation Board.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon for Council to authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to take the steps necessary to incorporate the historic preservation board; and authorize the City Manager and the Finance Director to complete the 1023 application to incorporate the historic board. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- C. Updates:
 - 1. Trader Building.
 - 2. Closing of Alexander Street. (Ball Health Care)
 - 3. Wayne Rowe. (Quality of Life)
- D. Rezoning of Exit 38.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the report of the Planning Commission on the recommendation to rezone the property at Exit 38, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture to B3 Business. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to set a Public Hearing for the next Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM to receive the recommendation from the Planning Commission to Rezone property at Exit 38, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B3 Business. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Fiblast.
- F. Larry Newton, District Scout Director: Assessment of starting an Explorer Program to be run by the Tuskegee Police Dept.
- G. Announcements:
 - 1. Council Member Whitehead announced that District II will have its Community Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Complex and Judge Deborah Biggers will be the speaker

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

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

- ***6:30 PM Public Hearing – Planning Commission Recommendation on Rezoning 12 Acre Parcel of Land, 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, AL from A-O Agriculture to B2 Business (i.e. medical offices) (RE: Quality of Life)***

6:30 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to start the Public Hearing on Rezoning 12-Acre Parcel of land located at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B-2 Business (i.e. medical offices). Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Citizens speaking for the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Rezoning the 12-Acre Parcel of land, 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama:

1. Dyann Robinson
2. Lenora Goode

The record reflects that no citizens spoke against the Planning Commission's Recommendation to rezone 12 Acre parcel of land at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B2 Business.

6:44 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end the Public Hearing on Rezoning 12-Acre Parcel of land located at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B-2 Business (i.e. medical offices). Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- A. Council Updates.
- B. Street Maintenance Activities.
- C. City Council Concerns.
- D. Financial Report. (Council's Report)
- E. *Hearing on Rezoning 12-Acre Parcel of Land located at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone a 12-Acre parcel of land located at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B2 Business (i.e. medical offices); and ask the Planning Commission to get with the Department of Transportation to address adding a turning lane and adding more lighting in that area. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to approve an Ordinance accepting the recommendation given by the Planning Commission to Rezone the 12-Acre parcel of land located at 1201 Notasulga Road, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B-2 Business (i.e. medical offices) and adding a turning lane. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- F. Tobacco Tax Ordinance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to set a Public Hearing during the next regular council meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 6:45 PM regarding the Tobacco Tax Ordinance 2011-3. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- G. Parks & Recreation Guidelines for all parks.
- H. City Liability for Retirement & Pension Funds.
- I. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2015-94. Establishing a Law Enforcement Explorer Program in Tuskegee.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the resolution as stated establishing a Law Enforcement Explorer Program in the City of Tuskegee to be run by the Police Department. Council member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-94

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee and the Boy Scouts of America have agreed to establish an Explorer Post; and

WHEREAS, this Explorer Post will be a chartered organization in conjunction with the Tuskegee Police Department; and

WHEREAS, youth eligible to participate in this Explorer Post will be for male or female students between the ages of 14 – 19 who are interested in law enforcement career; and

WHEREAS, this Explorer Post will be based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character education, and leadership experience; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tuskegee hereby wishes to have a charter program. It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee pay the initial fees of \$200 which will cover five adult fees and the Charter fee.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee on the 14th day of July 2015.

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

- B. Resolution No. 2015-95. Welcoming and Thanking C. Virginia Fields for her efforts in raising awareness in conjunction with 3rd Annual African American Hepatitis C Awareness Day which is July 25th each year.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the resolution as stated welcoming and thanking C. Virginia Fields for her efforts in raising awareness in conjunction with 3rd Annual African American Hepatitis C Awareness Day which is July 25th each year. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-95

A Resolution In Honor of C. Virginia Fields President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on Aids, Inc. (NBLCA)

WHEREAS, C. Virginia Fields is the President and Chief Executive Officer of National Black Leadership Commission on Aids, Inc. (NBLCA); and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the NBLCA has grown to include affiliate chapters in 11 cities nationwide and has led to implementation of noteworthy public policy achievements in domestic and international HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fields was first appointed to the New York State AIDS Advisory Council by Governor David Paterson. Ms. Fields was recently appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the New York State's Ending the AIDS Epidemic Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fields served as a member of the New York City Council from 1989 – 1998. In 1997 Ms. Fields was elected President of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City and latter re-elected in 2001. In 2005 she was a Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York City, becoming the first African American woman to seek that office; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tuskegee hereby wishes to thank Ms. Fields for her life serving the needs of this global community and for helping to facilitate this meeting concerned with Hepatitis C in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee on the 14th day of July 2015.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

- C. Resolution No. 2015-96. Welcoming and Thanking Debra Y. Fraser-Howze for her efforts in raising awareness in conjunction with 3rd Annual African American Hepatitis C Awareness Day which is July 25th each year.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the resolution as stated welcoming and thanking Debra Y. Fraser-Howze for her efforts in raising awareness in conjunction with 3rd Annual African American Hepatitis C Awareness Day which is July 25th each year. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-96

In Honor of Debra Y. Fraser-Howze Senior Vice President of Government and External Affairs at OraSure Technologies, Inc.

WHEREAS, Debra Y. Fraser-Howze is Senior Vice President of Government and External Affairs at OraSure Technologies, Inc., a leader in the development, manufacture and distribution oral fluid diagnostic and collection devices and other technologies designed to detect or diagnose critical medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Fraser-Howze is charged with developing business opportunities in new markets for the Company; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining OraSure Technologies, Ms. Fraser-Howze was President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades Ms. Fraser-Howze has been recognized for leadership in the areas of teen pregnancy, social welfare, HIV and AIDS in communities of color. She has advised two presidents while serving on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS ; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tuskegee hereby wishes to thank Ms. Fraser-Howze for her life serving the needs of this global community and for helping to facilitate this meeting concerned with Hepatitis C in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee on the 14th day of July 2015.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

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

Attorney Gray stated that he continually work on the litigated matters that are pending as well as stay in contact with the City Manager and the City Clerk with respect to claims that are filed or have recently been filed; and have also been working on the Trader Property and other matters. Atty. Gray stated that he would happy to answer any questions that Council may have at this time.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

7:56 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to enter executive session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:33 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to end the 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 Whitehead moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk