

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 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.** Rev. William Lennard.
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 Georgette White Moon
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

The record reflects that all member of the Council were present for this Council Meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda to allow the auditors to complete the audit review right after the approval of the agenda at 5A; and adding the following: Executive Session, Resolution for Derrick Swanson and discussion on changing the 2nd Council Meeting in August from the 25th to August 18th. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

A. 2014 Annual Audit Review.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *July 14, 2015*

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

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Tourism, NAACP National Convention and "America's Journey for Justice" (08/01/15 from Selma to Washington, DC; & from Montgomery to Tuskegee on 8/05/15)
2. Rev. William Lennard RE: Usages of the 2% Sales Taxes

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Condemnation of Commodore Square.
- C. Jacqueline Gullette. (property next to her house)

- D. Announcements:
 - a. Hepatitis C Testing & Awareness Day, Friday, July 31, 2015
 - b. Senior Olympics Day, Friday, July 31, 2015, to be held at BTW at 10:00 AM

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

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

- **6:30 PM Announce Public Hearing on Planning Commission’s Recommendation to Rezone the Property at Exit 38, Tuskegee, Alabama from A-O Agriculture Open to B3 Business. (August 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM)**

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the property at Exit 38, Tuskegee, Alabama.

- **6:45 PM Ask for Extension on Tobacco Tax Ordinance No. 2011-3.**

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to extend time to the Interim City Manager to reset the Public Hearing on the Tobacco Tax Ordinance No. 2011-3 for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:45 PM. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood 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. Financials:
 - 1. Receive Financial Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to receive the financial report as presented. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- 2. Receive 2014 Audit Report.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the Annual Audit Report for 2014 presented by Keith Hundley and Eric Love of Carr Riggs & Ingram CPAs and Advisors. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Announcements:

- **2nd ANNUAL ALL MACON COUNTY JOB FAIR** September 2nd, Municipal Complex Auditorium, 101 Fonville St., 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- **JOB FAIR – CLOTHING DRIVE, DONATION BOX LOCATIONS:** City of Tuskegee, Municipal Complex Building (Lobby Area), City of Shorter Town Hall (Lobby Area), August 3rd – 21st, Clothing Request: All Business Casual Attire (Clean/Gently Used Clothing), 8:00 – 4:00 pm
- **BASIC TRAINING BOOT CAMP, HOW TO GET HIRED!** Saturday, August 29, 2015, Macon County Commission Chambers, North Main Street, Tuskegee, AL, Gently used Interview clothing will be provided. (first come, first served) 9 am – Noon

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2015-97. Resolution approving the loan application with Liberty Bank for the Head Start Building.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept the resolution as stated approving the loan application with Liberty Bank for the Head Start Building. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-97

A Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application for Business Loan with Liberty Bank

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, as grantee for Tuskegee – Macon County Head Start, deems it necessary to finance the construction of a Head Start Center that will house its central operations and other necessary works of the Tuskegee-Macon County Head Start Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it desirous, necessary and in the public good to apply for a loan from Liberty Bank to finance construction of a building for Head Start purposes; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility will promote business and residential confidence and investment in the local area; promote the retention and creation of jobs; and stimulate private investment within the City, and strengthen the local tax base; and

WHEREAS, a project in the sum of \$3,800,000 is contemplated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, as follows:

1. The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a loan application to Liberty Bank for commercial real estate financing in the sum of \$3,800,000 to finance a Tuskegee Macon County Head Start facility.
2. The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all required application documents on behalf of the City of Tuskegee; and is authorized to take other necessary actions as may be required to implement the project with all due speed in the event of funding approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 28th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

James W. Harper, Interim City Manager

B. Resolution No. 2015-98. Commendations to Derrick Swanson for years of service and retirement.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept the resolution as stated approving the loan application with Liberty Bank for the Head Start Building. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-98

A Resolution Commending Derrick E. Swanson for his years of Service.

WHEREAS, Derrick E. Swanson served faithfully as a firefighter for the City of Tuskegee leading to his appointment as Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Derrick E. Swanson was appointed on October 24, 2006 as the Fire Chief for the City of Tuskegee’s Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Derrick E. Swanson was later the first African American male to hold a full-time position with the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission serving as Fire Service Development Coordinator and later changed to Regional Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, from March 2012 – October 2014 Chief Swanson served as the first African American Director of Emergency Medical Services for the State of Alabama Fire College and in the United States. Chief Swanson was in charge of Emergency Care Provider, Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic. Chief Swanson also served as the American Heart Association Training Center Coordinator for CPR, First Aid, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Under the leadership of Chief Swanson, the EMS Paramedic Program received its Letter of Review for National Accreditation and students scored 100% first time pass rates on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Exam in consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, from October 2014 – June 1, 2015 Chief Swanson was the first African American to serve as Training Group Supervisor for Emergency Medical Services and half of the Fire Certifications Courses for the Alabama Fire College to include Alabama Smoke Diver, Rope Rescue I and II, Cave Rescue, Dive Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue I and II, Structural Collapse Rescue, Trench Rescue I and II, Wilderness Rescue, Fire Investigator I and II, Fire Inspector I, II, and III, Fire Instructor I, II, and III, Autism Awareness, and Child Safety Restraint Technician; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swanson was accredited for providing leadership and creating a solid foundation for the EMS Program and all areas under his command at the Alabama Fire College. Chief Swanson retired with the highest pass rates for EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic in the State of Alabama and the United States. Chief Swanson provided discipline, organizational skills, know-how, fairness and communication skills that created a passion for the Fire Service for all Alabamians to be proud of; and

WHEREAS, Derrick E. Swanson served faithfully in his many leadership roles within the City of Tuskegee and the State of Alabama, he retired on June 1, 2015 with 30 years from the Alabama Fire Service.

BE IT PROCLAIMED by me, Johnny Ford, Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee to honor Derrick E. Swanson for his years of service to the City of Tuskegee and the State of Alabama this _____ day _____, 2015.

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



Johnny Ford, Mayor

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

Attorney Gray stated that he's working on the litigated matters, as well as have regular consultation with the Interim City Manager, Police Chief lately and the City Clerk when needed. He stated that he was able to settle one of the cases and he continues to work on the other cases.

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

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to change the August 25, 2015 City Council Meeting to August 18, 2015: 5:00 PM Budget Work Session and 6:00 PM Council Meeting. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7:30 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.

8:30 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.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Lee moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk