

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 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. Katrina Love.
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 agenda with the following additions: add executive session at #16; under Mayor's Communication item D) 15ft border & item E) Announcements; under 12.) Resolutions for the following individuals: Ronald Gibbs, Ruth Bullock, Linda Harvey and Bessie Chappell. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (July 11, 2017 and July 25, 2017)

A. Minutes for July 11, 2017

Motion was made by Council member Lee to accept and approve the minutes for July 11, 2017 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for July 25, 2017

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to accept and approve the minutes for July 25, 2017 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Primary Election on Aug 15th; Leonardo T-100; and Plan for individuals moving out of homes and leaving debris behind
2. Melvin Adams RE: Thanks to Mr. Harper & Council Member Lee for making sure the grass was cut in District 1 and Thanks to Edward Thomas for scrapping the road

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

- A. Recognition of Youth Baseball Teams: 2nd & 3rd in State
- B. City Council Work Session.
- C. Leonardo T-100: 100 Days of Support. (Resolution)

D. Announcements.

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

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 receive 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: (Dr. Nannette Phillips)

- Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report. (July 2017)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and approve the Head Start Report: Revenue & Expenditure Report including the Credit Card Report (July 2017) presented by Stewart Phillips, Head Start Finance Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

E. Piper-Jaffray Bond Consultants.

F. CDBG: Discussion & Requested Revisions. (adding Cox St. / Chisholm St.)

G. Delta Regional Authority (DRA): Airport Award

H. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2017-60. One-Time Retirement Bonus.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-60 as stated authorizing a one-time retirement bonus. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-60

(ACT 2017-367)

*A Resolution authorizing a One-time lump sum payment for Local Unit Retirees
and Beneficiaries of Deceased Retirees*

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tuskegee, through its governing authority, elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 367 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Legislature.

The City of Tuskegee agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by this Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Tuskegee with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in December 2017.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama on this 9th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE
/S/ LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR.
Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/ FARTIMA B. CLARK
Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

B. Resolution No. 2017-61. Resolution Supporting Leonard T-100, 100 Days of Support. Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and adopt resolution number 2017-61 as stated supporting Leonard T-100, 100 Days of Support. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-61

A Resolution Supporting and Commending Leonardo DRS on Plans to Build a Manufacturing Operation in the City of Tuskegee

WHEREAS, we extend highest commendations to Leonardo DRS for selecting historic Moton Field Airport, home of the Tuskegee Airmen, as the manufacturing site of the T-100 trainer jet; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo DRS is honoring the Tuskegee Airmen by manufacturing training fighter jets at the same airfield where the Airmen learned to pilot Red Tail airplanes during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo DRS will create construction jobs and later hire 750 employees to fill high-wage, permanent positions positive impacting the economies of Tuskegee, Macon County, surrounding communities and the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo DRS is a global leader in Aerospace, Defense and Security that has secured contracts in many countries including the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The company is organized into seven divisions; Helicopters, Aircraft, Aero structures, Airborne and Space Systems, Land and Naval Defense electronics, Defense Systems and Information Systems; and

WHEREAS, Headquartered in Italy, the parent company to Leonardo DRS is named Leonardo in honor of Leonardo da Vinci, Renaissance era innovator and universal symbol of genius applied to all fields of inquiry; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo employees more than 45,000 workers and maintains offices and industrial plants in 218 sites worldwide with a significant presence in Europe and the United States; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that Leonardo DRS is applauded for its commitment to build the T-100 trainer jet at Moton Field in the City of Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama creating jobs and stimulating the economy and this resolution is offered in appreciation of this decision.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 9th day of August, 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

C. Resolution No. 2017-62. Employing Piper-Jaffray and Walter Lewis, Bond Consultant.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-62 as stated employing Piper-Jaffray and Walter Lewis, Bond Consultant to pursue debt refinancing options. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-62

A resolution employing Walter D. Lewis and Piper Jaffray & Company for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal debt & warrants

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined based upon the recommendation of the City Manager that a review and possible refunding of certain outstanding municipal debt and warrants are in the best interest of the fiscal stability of the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council received a briefing and held a work session to consider the issues related to budgeting for capital improvement projects for various departments of the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that adequate and competent underwriting services to accomplish the refunding of said debt and project funding are available through the firm of Piper Jaffray and Walter D. Lewis of Birmingham, Alabama, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee does employ the underwriting services of for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal debt and warrants and providing all other applicable related services as outlined in that certain G17 Disclosures/ Engagement Letter dated March 6, 2017 between the City of Tuskegee and the underwriters and authorizes the City Manager of the City of Tuskegee to proceed with all appropriate processes to accomplish said refunding of debt and project funding goals.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this the 9th day of August, 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

D. Resolution No. 2017-63. CDBG Revisions: housing and demolition and road improvements.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-63 as stated regarding the CDBG Revisions: housing demolition and road improvements. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-63

A Resolution amending CDBG Project Numbers LR-CM-PF-11-116 and LR-CM-PF-12-116 demolishing dilapidated structures and performing road improvements

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 amend CDBG Project Numbers LR-CM-PF-11-116 and LR-CM-PF-12-116 to demolish dilapidated structures and perform road improvements.

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

1. That, James Harper, City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute and submit a formal amendment with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting an expansion of road improvement activities.
2. That, the Tuskegee City Council hereby obligates to provide up to a \$66,820.24 cash match necessary to complete the proposed additional construction activities.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this 9th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/S/ JAMES W. HARPER

James W. Harper, City Manager

ATTEST:

/S/ FARTIMA B. CLARK

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

E. Resolution No. 2017-64. Delta Regional Authority: Grant Award for Exit 38

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-64 as stated accepting Delta Regional Authority: Grant Award for Exit 38. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-64

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter "DRA") was created by Congress by the *Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000*, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 252 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee acting by and through the City Council submitted an application to the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) and has been awarded funds from DRA for the Fiscal Year 2017 federal award program cycle to make transportation improvements along Highway 81 to serve the commercial development at Exit 38; and

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee.

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

1. THAT, James Harper, be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of the City of Tuskegee and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year 2017 federal award program cycle;
2. THAT, James Harper, is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year 2017 federal award program cycle;
3. THAT, the Awardee has been awarded \$350,000 and agrees to provide additional funds in the amount of \$91,100 to said award; and
4. THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new City Manager shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this the 9th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/S/ JAMES W. HARPER

James W. Harper, City Manager

ATTEST:

/S/ FARTIMA B. CLARK

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

F. Resolution No. 2017-65. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Ronald "Murt" Gibbs, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-65 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Ronald "Murt" Gibbs, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

G. Resolution No. 2017-66. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Ruth Bullock, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-66 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Ruth Bullock, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

H. Resolution No. 2017-67. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Linda Harvey, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-67 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Linda Harvey, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

I. Resolution No. 2017-68. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Bessie Chappell, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for Council to accept and received resolution number 2017-68 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Bessie Chappell, deceased. 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 on July 25, 2017 at the special city council meeting he submitted a comprehensive written report on all pending legal matters which was discussed and presented to council in executive session about two weeks ago. Atty. Davis stated that he continues to work comprehensively on all legal matters and there are no new cases to add as an extension to the report submitted two weeks ago. He stated that Council has a written report of all pending legal matters related to the City of Tuskegee.

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

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Election on Aug 15th and the NAACP Meeting

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

7:22 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for council to enter executive session. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:11 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry for council to end 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 Lee moved to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk