

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 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.** Lord's Prayer Repeated 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.
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

This record reflects that all members of the council are present; but at 5:30 PM Council Member Moon went to vote on a matter before the Planning Commission.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: Resolution for Dr. Fannie Cooley, deceased, Resolution for Commendations to Amelia Boynton Robinson on her birthday and add an Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *(August 11, 2015)*

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead 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.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Melvin Adams RE: Status on 1101 Ridge Street for Abatement / cutting shrubbery along road way
2. James Harris RE: Cost of Living Increase

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Condemnation to Commodore Square.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee for Council to authorize the City Attorney to move forward to prepare a Resolution for initiating the condemnation process pending the results of the continued research on the title and ownership of Commodore Square.

- C. Boards and Commissions: Appointment to the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to authorize the City Attorney to get with Bond Counsel to expand the Cooperative District adding two (2) appointees from the City of Tuskegee and two (2) appointees from the Utilities Board of Tuskegee bringing the total number of board members to seven (7).

D. Updates on Projects:

1. Clarence Ball – Nursing Home Expansion (Sam Jones came in Mr. Ball’s absence)
2. Wayne Rowe – Quality of Life
3. Joe Turnham – Exit 38 (Roland Vaughn came in Mr. Turnham’s absence)
4. Trader Building.
5. Head Start New Building.

E. Announcements.

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

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

A. Council Updates / Concerns.

B. Street Maintenance Activities.

C. Financial Report.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the financial report as circulated. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

D. Head Start Report:

1. Executive Director’s Report (June & July 2015)
2. Notice of Proposed Rule Making
 - a. Revised Head Start Performance Standards
3. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report
 - a. June 2015
 - b. July 2015

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to receive the Head Start Report as circulated. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to receive the Head Start Director’s Report on Revenues and Expenditures. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Employee Recognition: Fire Dept.

- Years of Service: Captain Charles “C.K.” Smith – “36 Years of Service

F. 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 3–21, 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 serve) 9 am – Noon

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2015-106. Remembering the Life of Julian Bond, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated remembering the life of Julian Bond, deceased. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 2015-107. Remembering the Life of Dr. Fannie Cooley, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated remembering the life of Dr. Fannie Cooley, deceased. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-107

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 Fannie Ruth Richardson Cooley; and with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Richardson Cooley was an adopted daughter of Tuskegee, Alabama attending Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) graduating in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education with minors in Science, Social Studies and English. In 1951, she earned a Master of Science Degree from Tuskegee Institute with a major in Human Nutrition and a minor in Education. She furthered her studies at Purdue University and later at the University of Wisconsin from which she received her Doctorate.

WHEREAS, Dr. Cooley career took her from Tuskegee Institute to Alcorn A&M to Alabama A&M and back to Tuskegee University. Her memorable development program was the Community Forums which gave community leaders opportunities to present information to the wider community; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Cooley was an active and committed member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. There she gave of her time, her talent and her treasure until her failing health limited her participation; 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 Fannie Cooley and express sympathy to her extended family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Fannie Richardson Cooley.

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



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

C. Resolution No. 2015-108. Commendations to Amelia Boynton Robinson on her Birthday.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated commending Amelia Boynton Robinson on her birthday. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-108

WHEREAS, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson is being honored by a grateful community for decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson was born August 18, 1911 in Georgia, in a family of 10 children; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson has been in the forefront of the civil and human rights struggle since the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Platt and S. W. Boynton married and worked together on their common goal of voting rights and property ownership for African Americans in the poorest rural areas of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, S. W. Boynton died young, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson continued their quest and during the 1960's her home became a center of Selma's civil rights battles; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson became the first female, black or white, to run on the Democratic ticket in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson became the female face for "Bloody Sunday" when she was beaten and left for dead; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson was not dead and today she continues her lifelong commitment to human and civil rights, traveling the world speaking about the injustices that still exist;

WHEREAS, today we commend this giant among men and women for all that she has and continues to give recognizing this adopted daughter of Tuskegee, Alabama, Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson on this day and every day; and as the City Council of the City of Tuskegee resolve this day to wish her Happy Birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tuskegee to be affixed on this 18th day of August two thousand fifteen



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

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

Attorney Gray stated that he on a regular basis consulted and advised the Interim City Manager and other Department Heads as requested; and continues to monitor the non-litigated matters accepted from the insurance company and continues to work on the litigated matters of the City on a daily basis. Atty. Gray stated that he has the reports for Council on the pending cases of the City.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to receive the City Attorney's Report as presented. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

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

7:48 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to enter Executive Session. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:15 PM Motion was made by Council Member Moon for Council to come out of the Executive Session. Council Member Lee 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 8:15 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk