

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 8, 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

**This record reflects that all members of the Council were present for Council Meeting.**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: Revisit the motion from the August 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting regarding the condemnation of Commodore Square; Recommendation from Planning Commission on rezoning property located at 102 Foye Street, Tuskegee, Alabama from R1 – Single Family Dwelling to R3- Multiple Single Family Dwelling on one parcel; and add under Street maintenance: Purchase of Bush Hop. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *March 10, 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 Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Norma McGowan Jackson (she read her letter)  
RE: Condemnation of Commodore Square & Removing the Confederate Statue from Commodore Square
2. James Harris RE: Cost of Living Increase
3. C.K. Johnson RE: Purchase Order for Manhole Covers
4. Lenora Goode RE: Condemnation of Commodore Square & Removal of the Statue.

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Authorization to Submit an Application for A.R.C. Funds (Bibb Street)
- C. Condemnation of Commodore Square.

Revisit the action taken at last City Council Meeting (Tuesday, August 18, 2015) regarding initiating the condemnation process of Commodore Square:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to reconsider and table any actions authorizing the City Attorney to move forward with initiating the Condemnation process of Commodore Square until the next City Council Meeting, September 22, 2015. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- D. Recycling Station. (near Lake Tuskegee)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to authorize the Interim City Manager, James Harper to find another site for the recycling station. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to authorize the Interim City Manager to move the recycling station. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Boards & Commissions: Appointment to Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to authorize a resolution to increase the number of board members on the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District from three (3) members to seven (7) members. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to appoint Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr. and Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II to the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District increasing the board members from a three (3) member board to a seven (7) member board. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. On call for the question, the following was recorded:

**VOTING AYE**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Council Member Ala Whitehead  
Council Member Georgette White Moon

**VOTING NAYE**

NONE

**ABSTAIN**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood  
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- F. I-Group NanoPV: Proposal- Advance Grade Solar (PV) Module Manufacturing

- G. Announcements:
- Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood announced that Booker T. Washington Summit, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Kellogg Conference Center on Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; (the largest part of the conference is surrounding heir property)

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:

- Purchase of Bush Hog

Motion was made by Council Member Lee for Council to authorize Interim City Manager to purchase a bush hog with funds from the reserve account at Liberty Bank Account in the amount of \$1,100.00. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

C. Financial Report (Council's Report).

D. Planning Commission: Recommendation to Rezone 102 Foye St., Tuskegee, AL from R1- Single Family Dwelling to R3- Multiple Single Family Dwelling on one parcel.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon for Council to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property at 102 Foye Street from R1- Single Family Dwelling to R3- Multiple Single Family Dwelling on one parcel and setting the Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Tobacco Ordinance No. 2011-3: Recommendations on Cigar Tax Adjustments

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to authorize the City Attorney to finalize the ordinance based upon the recommendations of the Interim City Manager James Harper to amend Tobacco Tax Ordinance No. 2011-3 adjusting the Cigar Tax. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

F. Employee Recognitions:

- Fire Dept.: Charles "C.K." Smith "37 Years of Service & Retirement

G. Announcements:

- Council Member Lee announced that the City Youth Football Team will host its first home game on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at BTW High School at 8:00 AM
- Council Member Whitehead announced that District II Community Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at Municipal Complex.

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2015-109. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept Resolution No. 2015-109 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Amelia Platt Boynton Robinson, deceased; and requesting that section five (5) of the voting rights act to be reinstated by Congress and that the President Obama award the Medal of Freedom posthumously. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 2015-110. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Elbert Dawson, deceased

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept Resolution No. 2015-110 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Elbert Dawson, deceased. Mayo Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 2015-111. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Barbara Howard, deceased

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept the Resolution No. 2015-111 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Barbara Howard. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

D. Resolution No. 2015-112. Resolution extending Amelia Boynton Robinson Parkway from Washington Avenue up to the intersection of Old Montgomery Road/Franklin Road

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to authorize the extension of Amelia Boynton Robinson Parkway from Washington Avenue up to up to the intersection of Old Montgomery Road/Franklin Road. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

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

Attorney Gray stated that he has given the bulk of his report was given when he asked questions earlier concerning consultation for the property on the square with respect to the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District. Atty. Gray stated that he continually on a regular basis stays in contact with the City Manager, the City Clerk and other Dept. Heads with respect to claims as well as the litigated and non-litigated cases of the City. He also stated that he has the confidential reports for Council that he will provide during the executive session.

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

7:57 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.

8:21 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to come out of the Executive Session. Council Member Moon 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 Lee moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk