

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 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.** 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.
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Georgette White Moon
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

All Members of the Council were present for this Meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the agenda with the following additions: adding 14.) Executive Session and under 8.) Mayor's communication adding c.) Annexation for Mindingall Community. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (September 13, 2016)

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

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Maurice Eaves & Booker Harris RE: Annexation for Mindingall Community
2. Melvin Adams RE: Chairman of Clean City Committee Schedule
3. Frank Gilman RE: Candidate for County Commission

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Announcements.
- C. Annexation: Mindingall Community.

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

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

- **6:30 PM Public Hearing FY2017 Budget.**

- A. Council Updates / Concerns.
- B. Street Maintenance Report.
- C. Financial Report.

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

D. FY2017 Budget:

6:30 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to start the public hearing regarding the FY2017 Budget. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Citizens with concerns regarding the FY2017 Budget:

- 1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: HR Dept. Concerns
- 2. Mattie Blizzard RE: trash pick-up
- 3. Melvin Adams RE: people from other areas dumping trash in our communities
- 4. Atty. Lateefah Muhammad RE: BP Oil Spill Funds to Municipalities
- 5. Council Member Lee RE: FY2017 budget amount
- 6. Council Member Moon made statements regarding HR concerns

7:00 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to end the public hearing regarding the FY2017 Budget. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to adopt the FY2017 Budget as presented for review at the end of the first quarter. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and on call for the question the following was recorded:

VOTING AYE

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Georgette White Moon
Frank Christopher Lee, II

VOTING NAY

Johnny Ford
Ala Whitehead

Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Head Start Report:

- 1. Executive Director's Report (Aug 2016)
- 2. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report (Aug 2016)
- 3. Differential COLA Increase.
- 4. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA (Aug 2016)
- 5. Enrollment and Attendance Report (Aug 2016)

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept and approve the Head Start Report as circulated and presented by Nannette Phillips, Head Start Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to authorize the reduction enrollment to between 225 to 230 students and requesting to use the reduced funds in areas of the Head Start program where the quality can be increased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

▪ Head Start Differential COLA Increase:

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to approve and authorize the Head Start Differential COLA increase for seven Head Start employees that were not close to the wage comparability study. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

F. Dollar General Store #16918: Alcoholic Beverage License Application (set hearing)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to set the public hearing for Dollar General Store #16918 for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 12:30 noon for an alcoholic beverage license application. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

G. Planning Commission's Recommendation to change a portion of Laslie Street and E. Price Street to a one-way street. (set hearing)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to set the public hearing for Planning Commission's Recommendation to change a portion of Laslie Street and E. Price Street to a one-way street. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

H. Announcements:

- September 29, 2016 – Last Day to apply for a regular absentee ballot.
- October 4, 2016 – Run-Off Election
- October 11, 2016 – Council must canvass election results at 12:00 noon.

11. ORDINANCES.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution No. 2016-95. A Resolution accepting the FY2017 Budget

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2016-95 as stated accepting the FY2017 Budget. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**CITY OF TUSKEGEE
APPROVAL OF FY 2017 BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-95**

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Tuskegee has submitted to the City Council a proposed Annual Budget of the revenues of said City and expenses of conducting the affairs thereof for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, which has been compiled from detailed information obtained from the departments and offices of the City; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 27, 2016, concerning such Proposed Budget; providing an opportunity for all interested taxpayers and citizens to be heard for or against any item or amount therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama is of the opinion that the Proposed Budget should be approved and adopted as the City's Annual Budget for the ensuing fiscal year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, THAT:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the city government and its' activities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this city:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
011-122	Mayor and City Council	97,225
011-106	City Managers' Office	199,049
011-130	City Clerk	68,586
011-121	Information Technology	111,721
011-108	Finance	242,489
011-119	Municipal Court	240,818
011-105	Community Development	191,998
011-102	Economic Development	-0-
011-103	Airport	186,437
011-101	Building Inspection	62,791
011-120	Parks and Recreation	236,694
011-109	Fire Department	1,457,349
011-113	Police Department	1,646,573
011-107	Fleet Services	254,672
	Public Works:	
011-115	Administration	42,063
011-118	Streets	537,166
011-116	Sanitation	779,955
011-117	Senior Citizens Program	314,246
011-100	General Administration	2,033,908
Total Appropriations		<u>\$ 8,703,740</u>

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, to meet the appropriations as set forth in Section 1.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cigarette Tax	120,000
Gasoline Tax	110,000
Sales and Use Tax	2,356,000
Ad Valorem Taxes (Real & Vehicle)	400,000
Lodging Tax	15,000
Beer Tax	45,000
	3,046,000
Locally Levied Taxes	3,046,000
A.B.C. Sales Tax	16,500
State of Alabama Trust Fund Distribution	90,000
State Tobacco Tax	7,000
	113,500
State Shared Taxes	113,500
Franchise Fees and Taxes	627,500
Privilege Licenses	596,000
Wine Tax	2,000
Construction Permits	75,000
Other Permits	2,500
Occupational License (1% and 2%)	2,000,000
	3,303,000
Licenses and Permits	3,303,000

Court Fines and Costs	250,000
Charges for Services – Refuse Collection	1,081,000
Other Charges for Services	73,500
Other Sources of Revenue	<u>836,740</u>
	2,241,240
Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$ 8,703,740</u>

Section 3: All resolutions or parts of resolutions, in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.

Section 4: Copies of this Budget Resolution shall be furnished to the local newspaper, library and other public places for inspection by the general public. A copy will also be available at the City of Tuskegee website-www.tuskegeealabama.gov.

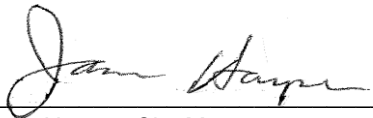
Section 5: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Resolution and the City Manager to attest. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption this the 27th day of September 2016, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:



James Harper, City Manager

B. Resolution No. 2016-96. A Resolution approving the MOU with the Cooperative District/UBT. Council agreed to table this MOU until the next regular city council meeting.

C. Resolution No. 2016-97. A Resolution approving the Sunbelt Fire, Inc. Bid for fire truck Apparatus. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve resolution number 2016-97 as stated approving the Sunbelt Fire, Inc. bid for fire truck apparatus. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-97
A Resolution Accepting the Sunbelt Fire, Inc. Bid to Supply Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus on a New Fire Truck

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee recently received a grant from FEMA to acquire a self-contained breathing apparatus for a new fire truck; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received by the City of Tuskegee and reviewed carefully by the Fire Chief of the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends that Sunbelt Fire, Inc. be the qualified bidder and be awarded the contract in the amount of \$76,726.00;

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Tuskegee to accept the bid from Sunbelt Fire, Inc. received by the City of Tuskegee for a self-contained breathing apparatus per the proposal for a total of \$76,726.00.

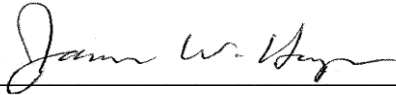
3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed further to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus for a new fire truck per the proposal.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 27th day of September, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:



James W. Harper, City Manager

D. Resolution No. 2016-98. A Resolution rescinding resolution number 2016-83 which allowed RDS to collect occupational taxes for the City of Tuskegee.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2016-98 as stated rescinding resolution number 2016-83 which allows RDS to collect the occupational taxes for the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-98
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-83 PERTAINING TO EXECUTION OF
COLLECTION OF TAX REVENUE ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, (the "City"), having adopted Resolution #2016-38 on July 13, 2016 authorizing the execution of an agreement with PRA Government Services, LLC d/b/a RDS ("RDS"); whereby RDS would collect occupational taxes on behalf of the City and remit the same to the City pursuant to said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has not yet been executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now deems it desirous, in the public interest and to the City's economic benefit to collect said revenues in-house, having received a report from its City Manager and Finance Department with respect to the administration's ability to fully implement the Ordinance and ensure the City's receipt of the tax due throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama hereby rescinds the authorization to execute the said agreement with RDS to collect the City's occupational tax pursuant to the City's Occupational Tax Ordinance as the City will collect the same and ensure compliance with the Ordinance administratively, utilizing resources available to it.

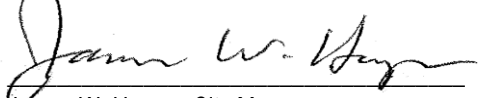
ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this day of 27th of September, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:



James W. Harper, City Manager

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** *Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray, Gray & Nathanson.*

Atty. Gray stated that he continually work as called upon by the City Manager and other Dept. Heads with respect to litigated matters and continue to work with council to resolve the cases that he can resolve and continue with litigation on the other ones.

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood asked the City Attorney to have the outstanding invoices (what's totally owed) as of September 30, 2016 by the next city council meeting so that council will know the amount that's due and it will be helpful in planning the budget.

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

7:25 PM Motion was made by Council Member 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.

7:42 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to come out of the Executive Session. 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 set the next regular council meeting immediately following the election canvass on October 11, 2016 at 12:15 noon at the Municipal Complex in L.M. Gregg Auditorium. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood 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 7:45 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk