

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:02 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. E.O. Major.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member-at-Large Annie L. Brown
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

All Council Members were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to accept and approve the agenda as circulated with following addition: Executive Session on item 14. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes for December 11, 2018 & December 26, 2018.

A. Minutes for December 11, 2018:

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the minutes for December 11, 2018 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for December 26, 2018:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for December 26, 2018 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. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

A. City Council Work Session.

B. Announcements.

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

9. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Bernard Houston, City Manager.

A. Chief's Presentations:

- Police Dept.
- Fire Dept. (*not in attendance*)

B. Council Updates / Concerns.

- C. Street Maintenance Report.
- D. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to receive the Financial Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Frankie L. Williams, Finance Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- E. Head Start Report: (Dr. Nannette Phillips)
 - 1. Executive Director's Report (Dec. 2018)
 - 2. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Dec. 2018)
 - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Dec. 2018)
 - 4. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Dec. 2018)
 - 5. Workforce Succession Plan.
 - 6. Data Collection Plan. (revised)
 - 7. Community Assessment. (full-blown)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to receive the Head Start Report as circulated and presented by Dr. Phillips, Head Start Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- F. 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Feb. 22-24, 2019.
- G. Purchase of six (6) vehicles from the Montgomery Sheriff. (all 2013 Ford Taurus)
- H. Announcements:
 - City of Tuskegee will be CLOSED Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

10. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2019-21. 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Feb. 22-24, 2019.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to approve resolution number 2019-21 as stated participating in the 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday February 22-24, 2019. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21

*A Resolution implementing the 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
(February 22-24, 2019)*

WHEREAS, the 2019 Severe Weather Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax Holiday Rule requires a participating county or municipality to submit a certified copy of their adopted resolution or ordinance providing for the Sales Tax Holiday, and any subsequent amendments thereof, to the Alabama Department of Revenue before January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Revenue will compile a list of counties and municipalities participating in the Sales Tax Holiday and issue a current publication on its website.

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

1. That the City of Tuskegee intends to participate in the 2019 Sales Tax Holiday.
2. That the City Manager submits the necessary form and a certified copy of this resolution to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 8th day of January, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

- B. Resolution No. 2019-22. Amending the FY2019 budget for the purchase of six (6) vehicles from the Montgomery County Sheriff (2013 Ford Taurus).

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and adopt Resolution No. 2019-22 as stated Amending the FY2019 budget for the purchase of six (6) vehicles from the Montgomery County Sheriff (2013 Ford Taurus). Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22

Resolution Authorizing amending the FY2019 Budget for the purpose of Purchasing Six (6) Vehicles for the Police Dept. from Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept.

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 was approved on the 27th day of November, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held and advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved FY2019 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the following amendments to the approved FY2019 be made:

1. That the vehicle purchase line item be increased by \$21,000.00 for the purchase of six (6) vehicles from the Montgomery County Sheriff; and
2. That the Franchise Tax Revenue line item will increase by \$142,600.00.

Adopted and Approved this 8th day of January, 2019.

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.2019-23. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Lafayette Frederick, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve a resolution celebrating and remembering the life of Lafayette Frederick, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23
Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Dr. Lafayette Frederick

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. He, of whom we speak is Dr. Frederick Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick was born in rural Coahoma County Mississippi, grew up in Missouri and graduated from Washington High School in Caruthers, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University, in 1943; Master of Science from the university of Rhode Island; Ph.D. Degree in (Plant Pathology & Botany) from Washington State University and spent 2 ½ years in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick led a long distinguished career in Scientific Education & Research at several institutions including: Tuskegee University, Howard University, Central State University, Atlanta University and Southern University among others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick received numerous honors, awards, recognitions and commendations from highly respected organizations and institutions such as: National Science Foundation "Lifetime Achievement Award"; Washington State University "Academic Achievement Award" ; Tuskegee University "Distinguished Alumni Merit Award"; Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree – University of Rhode Island along with many other prestigious awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick is most notably known and appreciated for the major role he played in teaching and mentoring students in higher education personally guiding more than 65 students to Master's Degree (29), and Ph.D.'s (at least 35); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick contributed so much more in his community in his involvement in churches, and youth organizations; and

WHEREAS, we join former students and so many others in various communities where he lived to express our appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor 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 Dr. Lafayette Frederick and express sympathy to his wife, Antoinette; children, Lewis (Melody) Frederick, Karla (Carl) Miller and David Frederick; grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, relatives and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Resolution and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Dr. Lafayette Frederick.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this
seal to be affixed this 8th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark
Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Attorney Davis stated that he had no public report and would make his report during Executive Session.

13. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mattie Blizzard RE: Asked City Attorney a question regarding pipes running across someone's yard
2. Anna Owens RE: Commendations to the UBT on the recent power outages
3. Marian Garmon RE: 910/912 Bibb Street has stray dogs and Commendations to the Police Dept.
4. Inez Foye RE: Questions/Comments to Council Member Curry regarding garbage/trash dumping
5. Rev. E.O. Major RE: Abandoned property next to Solomon Chapel Church
6. Keyah Brown RE: Break in at her resident on Church Street and "I Am My Brother's Keeper" Nonprofit
7. Ms. Kellon RE: Dilapidated houses & requested date for District 1 meeting
8. Rose McWilliams RE: Thanks regarding resolving the water issue she was having
9. Irene Taylor RE: Pile of Dirt & Hole on Moton Circle next to her house & requesting speed bumps to be placed on her street
10. Melvin Adams RE: Thanks to City Manager on having the fallen tree removed & requested date for District 1 meeting
11. James Gray, Jr. RE: Asked a question of who's responsible for reporting the things that are happening in the community

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

7:59 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry to enter the executive session. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:10 PM Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to end the executive session. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.** NONE.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk