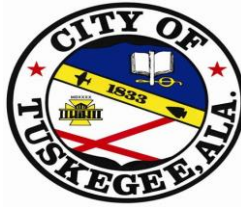


CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
OFFICIAL MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th TUESDAY, MAR. 23, 2021



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Regular Session on Tuesday, March 23, 2021** at 5:33 PM in the LM 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. Cloud
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 Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Norma McGowan Jackson
Council Member Johnny Ford
Council Member Orlando R. Whitehead

All Members were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept the agenda as circulated with the following additions: add executive session under item 15 and adjournment at item 16; and under Mayor's Communication item E) Dry run of City council Meeting via Zoom . Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (March 9, 2021):

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson to accept and approve the minutes for March 9, 2021 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Cheryl Pettaway Colvin RE: "Spring Day" on the Square

7. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Jr.

A. City Council Work Session:

1. American Legion
2. Resolution for Tom Joyner

B. Grant Application Approval.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to engage the Azimuth Grant Company to get additional funds for the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

C. City Manager's Position.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to appoint Derrick E. Swanson as permanent City Manager with a salary amount equivalent to the salary range of previous city managers. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- D. **SPIRE Franchise Agreement.**
- E. **Council Meeting dry run via zoom platform.**
- F. **Announcements.**

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

9. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Derrick E. Swanson, Temporary Acting City Manager.

- A. **Council Updates / Concerns:**
 - 1. Torrence Street.
 - 2. Next Bond Issue.
 - 3. Eich Road – Richard Lanier Property (tree removal)

B. **Cheryl Pettaway Colvin.**

C. **Curtis Calhoun – Lake Tuskegee Repairs.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to authorize a waiver for Curtis Calhoun relieving liability from the City of Tuskegee regarding repairs to be completed around the City lake. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

D. **Announcements.**

10. **ORDINANCES:**

A. ***Ordinance No. 2020-06. Ordinance to renew the SPIRE Franchise Agreement.(adopt)-*** **TABLED.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS.**

A. ***Resolution No. 2021-53. Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank to administer Debt Service Payments.***

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to adopt and approve resolution no. 2021-53 as stated Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank to administer Debt Service Payments. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53

A Resolution authorizing a separate Account at BBVA Bank to administer Debt Service Payments

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that a bank account be opened at BBVA Bank in Auburn, Alabama to administer Debt Service Payments regarding Refinancing of Warrant 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the account shall be a special account, reserved for the sole purpose of making the Debt Service Payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signatories on said account shall be as follows: Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor; Frank Christopher Lee, II, Mayor Pro-Tempore; and Derrick E. Swanson, City Manager. Said signatories shall remain signatories for the length of their terms in their respective capacities as set forth hereinabove.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2021.

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. 2021-54. Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-54 as stated Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54

A Resolution Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that a bank account be opened at BBVA Bank in Auburn, Alabama for Capital Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the account shall be a special account, reserved for the sole purpose of Capital Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signatories on said account shall be as follows: Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor; Frank Christopher Lee, II, Mayor Pro-Tempore; and Derrick E. Swanson, City Manager. Said signatories shall remain signatories for the length of their terms in their respective capacities as set forth hereinabove.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

E. Resolution No. 2021-55. Resolution recognizing and honoring Tom Joyner.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-55 as stated Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-55

A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Tom Joyner, Syndicated Radio Personality, Entrepreneur, & Philanthropist for his continued support and contributions especially to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tuskegee is recognizing Tom Joyner for his tireless work to uplift communities and for his avid support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and

WHEREAS, one of the most illustrious and recognized media icons in the country today, Mr. Joyner hosts the nationally syndicated radio program *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*, empowering and entertaining some eight million listeners each week on over one hundred five stations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, Mr. Joyner started his career in radio broadcasting at WRMA in Montgomery, Alabama, followed by broadcast work in Memphis, St. Louis, and Dallas, and he finally made his home at WJPC in Chicago; and his daily travels drew publicity and high ratings, and in 1994, ABC Radio networks nationally syndicated *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he made *The Tom Joyner Morning Show* part of his newly created Reach Media, a cross-platform entertainment company that creates online content with BlackAmericaWeb.com, events and initiatives that engage Black America; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Hardest Working Man in Radio," he has successfully led national awareness campaigns on education, voter registration laws, and family/health initiatives, all with a daily mix of entertainment, humor, information, and music; and

WHEREAS, The Tom Joyner Foundation supports students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities, while his destination events, such as The Allstate Tom Joyner Family Reunion, with thousands of people in attendance on Labor Day weekend, and The Tom Joyner Foundation Fantastic Voyage Cruise selling out annually, have demonstrated the power of the black consumer/traveler; and

WHEREAS, his catchy yet poignant slogan, "The Party with a Purpose," focuses his morning show and activities on entertainment, information, and empowering the community to action; and

WHEREAS, numerous honors during his career have recognized his industry and community leadership, including *Impact* magazine's Joe Loris Award for Excellence in Broadcasting, *Billboard's* Best Urban Contemporary Air Personality Award, the NAACP Image Award, the National Association of Broadcaster's Marconi Award, honorary doctorates, and induction into the Radio Hall of Fame; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that the members of the City Council, by this resolution, recognize and honor Tom Joyner, as a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, syndicated radio personality, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, for his legendary program *The Tom Joyner Morning Show* and his dedication in supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

F. Resolution No. 2021-56. Appointing Derrick E. Swanson as permanent City Manager.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-55 as stated Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RSOLUTION NO. 2021-56

**A Resolution Appointing Derrick E. Swanson as the permanent City Manager
for the City of Tuskegee**

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy in the position of City Manager of the City of Tuskegee, the City Council of the City of Tuskegee appointed a Temporary Acting City Manager on December 8, 2020 by adopting Resolution 2021-16 and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has now selected a candidate to become the permanent City Manager of the City of Tuskegee in compliance with Section 11-43A-28 of the Code of Alabama 1975 as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee appoints **DERRICK E. SWANSON** as the City Manager of the City of Tuskegee, at a salary equivalent to the salary range of previous city managers, effective immediately and pending satisfactory results from the background check.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama at its duly called Special Meeting on the 23RD day of March, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

G. Resolution No. 2021-57. Recognizing & Memorializing Coach Solomon Knight.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-55 as stated Authorizing a separate account at BBVA Bank for Capital Improvements. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

12. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** (Milton C. Davis, Attorney at Law)

Not present for this meeting.

13. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

NONE.

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

6:54 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for council to enter executive session. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7:46 PM Motion was made by Council Member Ford for council to end executive session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to authorize the City Clerk to move forward with purchasing tablets for members of the council. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to authorize the City Manager to move forward with MOU so the county can provide assistance to the City of Tuskegee on things outlined in the MOU. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to authorize and approve work to be performed by Retired Judge Alfonza Menefee pending a waiver is signed relieving liability from the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to authorize renaming a portion of Torrence Street, Provision Drive. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to authorize the City Manager and the Mayor to negotiate on selling the property previously identified as property for Head Start Building located on Taylor Street. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to engage Williams Scott regarding available resources for COVID. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Whitehead moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk