CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA OFFICIAL MINUTES: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in a Special Session on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Municipal Complex, LM Gregg Auditorium, located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
- 2. INVOCATION. Ulysees L. Roberts.
- 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
- 4. **<u>ROLL CALL.</u>** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

ROLL CALL - WAIVER OF NOTICE:

YES
YES
YES
YES

*Council Member Lee was absent for this meeting therefore no vote was recorded for him.

WAIVER OF NOTICE

The undersigned constituting all members of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama hereby waiver any and all notice of time, place and purpose of an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors called to be in Tuskegee, Alabama on Monday, April 1, 2020 at the Municipal Complex in the Council Chamber and hereby consent to the transaction of any and all business that may come before the said meeting.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

<u>/s/ Annie L. Brown</u> Annie L. Brown, Councilman At-Large

(He was Absent)** Frank Christopher Lee, II, Council Member

<u>/s/ Ala Whitehead</u> Ala Whitehead, Council Member

<u>/s/ Shirley W. Curry</u> Shirley W. Curry, Council Member ATTEST: <u>/s/ Fartima B. Clark</u> Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the agenda as circulated. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **<u>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</u>** (Tony Haygood, Mayor & Kevin L. Owens, Temp. Acting City Manager)

A. Curfew due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

City Manager asked the Police Chief, Marquez James and Fire Chief, Capt. Willie Smith to give insight on the COVID-19 Pandemic as it relates to having a curfew in the City.

- B. Herbert E. Carter Terminal Building (negotiations/resolution).
- C. Authorizing Mayor/Acting City Manager to establish Shelter when deem necessary.
- D. Other Matters.

Mayor Haygood indicated that all employees will receive masks and gloves during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

7. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2020-31. A Resolution imposing a curfew for the City of Tuskegee during the state of emergency due to the pandemic emergency of COVID-19.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2020-31 as stated imposing a curfew for the City of Tuskegee during the state of emergency due to the pandemic emergency of COVID-19. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31

A Resolution imposing a curfew for the City of Tuskegee during the state of emergency due to the pandemic emergency of COVID-19

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tuskegee has issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency due to the Pandemic Emergency created by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-10 grants the governing body of political subdivisions to impose a public safety curfew in the event of certain natural disasters or emergencies of unprecedented size; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee has determined a curfew is necessary to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases by reducing the risk of exposure during a time of outbreak; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 1st day of April, 2020, due to the Pandemic Emergency created by COVID-19 and the increased risk of infection by public gatherings, it is hereby ordered that a Public Safety Curfew is imposed in the City of Tuskegee for the hours between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM7 days a week. This curfew is effective as of 10:00 PM on April 3, 2020 and shall continue in effect until further notice.

(a) This curfew shall apply to all persons within the City of Tuskegee and within the city limits of the City of Tuskegee and its police jurisdiction. During such curfew, no persons shall be or remain in public places. Residents of the City of Tuskegee shall remain in their places of residence, except as further provided in subsection (e) of this Order.

This curfew shall not apply to:

- 1. Public safety or emergency service activities, including but not limited to law enforcement, fire and rescue services, and emergency management agencies.
- 2. First responders, crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors.
- 3. Persons employed by or contracted to utilities, cable, and telecommunications companies and engaged in activities necessary to maintain or restore utility, cable, and telecommunications services.
- 4. Persons providing fire, police, sanitation, security, emergency and hospital services, food delivery services and other deliveries of merchandise or mail.
- 5. Persons seeking essential services or commodities; persons who are vulnerable to the most serious effects of the COVID-19 disease must remain at home, unless seeking medical treatment.
- 6. Persons supplying or restocking businesses in order to provide essential services or products, i.e. home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety.
- 7. Persons employed by the federal, state, county or city government or their agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Such employees shall follow any current or future directives regarding performance of their duties, including working from home, issued by their respective employers.
- 8. Persons experiencing homelessness within the City.

(b) All public and private gatherings of 10 or more persons or of any size where a consistent distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities further provided in this Order.

(c) Subject to the exceptions further provided in subsection (d) of this Order, all travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited. Transportation in Interstate Commerce is not governed by this Order.

(d) Exceptions. People may lawfully leave their residence while this Order is in effect only to engage in the following activities:

- 1. Essential Activities. To engage in certain essential activities, including, without limitation, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, obtaining grocery items (including, without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences and other buildings) for their household or to deliver to others, or for legally mandated government purposes. Additionally, any travel related to:
- (a) providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;

- (b) returning to one's place of residence from outside the City; travelling to one's place of residence located outside the City;
- (c) traveling to one's place of residence located outside the City;
- (d) travelling through the City from one location outside the City to another location outside the City;
- (e) compliance with an order of law enforcement or court shall be exempt from this Order;
- (f) travelling to or from a place of business which provides essential services by owners and employees of such business; or
- (g) legally mandated government purposes. Persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, nothands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. These Essential Activities are subject to change and are not limited to the activities listed in this subsection. Individuals must use reasonable judgement as it relates to the many and various circumstances during this time.
- 2. Work in Support of Essential Activities. To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
- 3. To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
- 4. Providing any services, goods, or work necessary to build, operate, maintain or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining; roads and highways, public transportation and rail; solid waste collection and removal; flood control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and webbased services); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Health Officer, to the extent possible.
- 5. The City shall work with governmental and nongovernmental partners to provide emergency shelter, to the extent possible, to unhoused persons in the City. Providers shall make all efforts to provide protection from the spread of COVID-19.

Failure to comply with this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

Implementation:

All Departments of the City and their respective employees to whom this Resolution and Executive Order applies shall forthwith implement the same in accordance with its terms and requirements. Nothing contained in this Order shall relieve a person from any requirement to obtain a license or other authorization in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This Resolution and Order is not intended to conflict with, supersede or contradict any lawful ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the City Council. This Resolution and Order does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the City, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama this 1st day of April, 2020.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA /s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr. Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Fartima B. Clark Fartima B. Clark, City Clark

8. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-At-Large Brown moved to adjourn at 12:42 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk