

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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 Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Melvin Adams.
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 Members of the Council were present.*

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept the agenda as circulated with the following addition: Resolutions for Booker Conley, deceased; Resolution for Johnny G. McGowan, deceased; Resolution for Nipsey Huddle, deceased; Seed, Inc.; Resolution for Street Closure for April 11<sup>th</sup>; Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes for March 12, 2019.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for March 12, 2019 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. Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce. (RE: TU Day – Karin Hopkins)
- B. City Council Work Session.(Airport Manager)
- C. Presentation: Willie Haygood (Retirement; will present at May 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting)
- D. Alabama Counts (2020 Census).
- E. Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April).
- F. Announcements.

8. **TU SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.**

- Jasmine; Terrance Jackson inviting citizens to Farmer's Market on May 3, 2019 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Wesley Witner, President of Entrepreneur Club
- Keyah Brown & Cindy Clayborn, RISE Tuskegee & Birth Doulas/networking meeting at Bizzy B's-6:30 PM

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

- A. Chief's Presentations:
  - Police Dept.
  - Fire Dept.
- 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 (Mar. 2019)
  2. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Mar. 2019)
  3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Mar. 2019)
  4. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Mar. 2019)
  5. Hiring Process for Head Start Key Positions (i.e. Executive Director).
  6. 2019-2020 Draft Head Start and Early Head Start School Calendars.
  7. Risk Management Award for 2018. (Gold Award)

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

- F. Fire Dept.: Rural Economic Development Loan Application for a new Fire Station/substation
- G. Update: Exit 38.
- H. Announcements:
  - All public officials and public employees serving as supervisors must complete the Statement of Economic Interest Forms online on or by April 30, 2019.
  - City of Tuskegee will be CLOSED on Friday, April 19, 2019 for Good Friday.

10. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2019-27. Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Application for a new Fire Station/substation.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2019-27 as stated authorizing application process to the Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant application for a new fire station and substation. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27**

*A Resolution for Authorization to submit an Application to the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities (CF) Loan and Grant Program for the Construction of a Fire Station & Substation*

**WHEREAS**, the Tuskegee Fire Department wishes to submit an application to the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan and Grant Programs to rebuild the Tuskegee Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will consist of two Fire Stations, the Tuskegee main fire station and a substation to be located on the West side of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuskegee Fire Department has major deficiencies and the City of Tuskegee is in need of two stations; fire station projects to enhance firefighter safety would include, but not be limited to the replacement of condemned structures or rehabilitation of an unhealthy structure and community safety projects that will improve the fire department response capabilities and enhance public safety; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama:

**Section 1.** That the City of Tuskegee is in need of a fire station and substation.

**Section 2:** That the Fire Chief and/or the City Manager are hereby authorized to submit an application to the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan Grant Programs for the construction of a new fire station and substation.

**Section 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

B. Resolution No. 2019-29. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Booker Conley, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-29 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Booker Conley, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29**

*Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Booker Conley, deceased*

**WHEREAS**, Booker Conley was born on January 8, 1932 in Sumter County, Alabama. His parents were Cozy and Melissa Jane Conley. Booker had five siblings, and by the time he reached the age of five, both his mother and father passed. At that point, he and his siblings were moved to Birmingham, Alabama to live with their maternal grandmother, Fannie Pettigrew High. Later, Booker resided with his aunt Mary Glenn and her husband Bernard Glenn where he attended elementary school and high school. While in high school, Booker took classes in Mechanical Drawing, which prepared him for a work study job for the Department of Architecture at Tuskegee Institute. In September 1940, at the age of 17, Booker began college at Tuskegee Institute (Tuskegee University). During that time all enrolled males on campus were required to participate in the military program (ROTC). In 1940, a Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPT) had begun at Tuskegee and Booker entered it in 1941; however, he had to "up" his age to qualify which he did because he felt this was something he wanted to do. Booker took flying lessons and performed a solo cross-country flight. He learned to fly before he had learned to drive a car; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker became one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black military aviators in the United States armed forces during WWII – a time when many U.S. States still adhered to racist Jim Crow laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker was called to active duty as a private soldier on June 9, 1943, before completing the ROTC Program. He was assigned to duty in Italy during World War II where he served until, he was relieved from active duty as he requested on November 1946. During the time Booker was in Italy, he was also a member of the "Buffalo Soldiers". Formed in September 1866, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Buffalo Soldiers were the "Negro Cavalry," originally members of the U.S. 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment of the U.S. Army. Some believe Native American tribes the regiment fought against in earlier wars came up with the name "Buffalo Soldiers" as a reference to the dark, curly hair

of the men in the unit, which resembled the coat of a buffalo. Both the Tuskegee Airmen and the Buffalo Soldiers played a massive role in the U.S. Military, and in the world at large; and, Booker played a role in both; and

**WHEREAS**, after Booker returned to Tuskegee to complete his final year of college, he met Dorothy E. Bell, his future queen. Booker was awarded a B.S. in Architectural Planning from the University in 1948. He was joined in holy matrimony with Dorothy Bell on June 21, 1948, and settled in Tuskegee, Alabama. To this union four children were born, Michael, Sidney, and twins- Bernard & Bernadette; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker was relieved of active duty from the Korean War in March 1952. After the Korean War, Booker was employed at Tuskegee University (formerly Institute) in many capacities and worked for the University from 1948 until 1998, which included the serving association and endearment of three of the University's Presidents. Booker retired from the University and spent most of his later years being available for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and traveling with Dot; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) That the above recitals are true and correct; (2) That all of his siblings have preceded him in death; (3) That we mourn the death of Booker Conley and express our sympathy to his loving and devoted children: Michael (Patricia), Sidney (Eloise), Bernard (Margie), and Bernadette Henry (Ellis); a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and a couple of great-great grandchildren, and a very devoted sister-in-law, Margurite Bell Foley. Booker had countless relatives, in-laws, several god-children and was "Dad" to many Tuskegee Institute students, including Mary Bray Jones and Sandra V. Richardson, US Army (Retired).

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

- C. Resolution No. 2019-30. Authorizing street closure of Old Montgomery Road from Lincoln Gates from 7:45 AM to 6:30 PM for the production of a Spike Lee Movie, "The Son of the South".

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-30 as stated authorizing street closure of Old Montgomery Road at Lincoln Gates, Tuskegee University from 7:45 AM to 6:30 PM for the production of a Spike Lee Movie, "The Son of the South". Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- D. Resolution No. 2019-31. Authorizing the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to convene.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-31 as stated authorizing the parks and recreation advisory board to convene. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- E. Resolution No. 2019-32. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Johnny G. McGowan, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-32 as stated Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Johnny G. McGowan, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32**

*Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Johnnie G. McGowan, deceased  
(April 21, 1922 – March 27, 2019)*

**WHEREAS**, Johnnie G. McGowan was born on April 21, 1922 to the late Walter McGowan and the late Floria McGowan. He received his education in the Bullock County public school system and he attended college at Tuskegee University where he graduated with a major in Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnnie McGowan worked for 30 years at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA), he was also the sole proprietor of a restaurant and a washateria in Union Springs, Alabama. His restaurant specialty was barbeque and soul food. His restaurant serviced the Macon County, Bullock County & Barbour County areas. Johnnie wanted everyone to have something to eat whether they could pay for it or not; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnnie McGowan was a community leader, he loved the Lord and he made that known in every church he attended; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnnie was an avid fisherman and hunter but most of all he loved gardening. He grew his own vegetables and gave them away to the people in the community especially in the Tuskegee area. He wanted to make sure no one was hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnnie G. McGowan married the love of his life, the late Mary G. McGowan in 1950 and to this union the late Joseph G. McGowan and Walter E. McGowan were born. Johnnie loved his family; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and 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 Johnnie G. McGowan and express our sympathy to his loving and devoted son, Walter E. (Lori) McGowan; son, Herbert Fitzpatrick; grandchildren: Walter John McGowan, Lizzie McGowan, Amelia Fitzpatrick and Mack Fitzpatrick; his brother Doc McGowan; and his extended family and a host of friends.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

F. Resolution No. 2019-33. Resolution honoring the life of rapper, Nippsey Hussle, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-33 as stated honoring the life of rapper, Nippsey Hussle, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

G. Resolution No. 2019-34. Resolution in recognizing April 17<sup>th</sup> as Tuskegee University Day in the City of Tuskegee, Alabama.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-34 as stated recognizing April 17, 2019 as Tuskegee University Day in the City of Tuskegee, Alabama. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34**

*Resolution declaring April 17<sup>th</sup> as Tuskegee University Day in the City of Tuskegee, AL*

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee University is a national treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tuskegee is proud to be the home of this renowned academic institution; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of its history, Tuskegee University has graduated thousands of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker T. Washington, the first President of Tuskegee University was hired in 1881; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2018, Dr. Lily McNair became the first woman to lead Tuskegee University as President; and

**WHEREAS**, to express encouragement to Dr. McNair, several organizations have coalesced to generate

community-based support for Tuskegee University; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations include the City of Tuskegee, Macon County Commission and the Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, they have partnered to make April 17, 2019, Tuskegee University Day in Tuskegee and throughout Macon County; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor Tuskegee University for its esteemed legacy, enduring traditions and excellence in education; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by me as Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama that April 17, 2019 is declared as **“Tuskegee University Day” in Tuskegee, Alabama**

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence “Tony” Haygood  
Lawrence “Tony” Haygood, 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.

13. **CITIZEN’S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Carver Festival May 2-4, 2019 on Square 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM
2. Mattie Blizzard RE: Thank you to Council Member Curry; Faded Sign at Chisholm Park & Cleanup Day for the City
3. Cindy Clayborn RE: City Economic Plan; Communication Structure; Financial Statement
4. Aliayah Sanders RE: “Let’s Rebuild Tuskegee Foundation (create more housing); Abatement List
5. Inez Foye RE: Thank you to UBT for Street Lights on Washington Ave/4<sup>th</sup> Street; Drains on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.
6. Anthony Burton RE: Thanks to audience for patience; commend TU students
7. Keyah Brown RE: I Am My Brother’s Keeper (k-7) end of the year program; She will be an intern at the House of Representatives
8. Mr. Epps RE: Fly-In at the Moton Filed
9. Dwight Davis RE: Senior Kappas having a blood drive @ St. Andrews
10. Tracey Moon RE: Water repair on Patterson Street in front of the park; 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Walk/Run April 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon on the square
11. Atty. Fred Gray, Jr. RE: April 27<sup>th</sup> 95 Years of Service of Omega Psi Phi Event at Chisholm Center
12. Tracey Moon RE: Healthy Life Marathon on April 13, 2019 8:00 AM-12:00 noon

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

8:27 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry to enter the executive session. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

9:10 PM Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to end the executive session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion \ carried.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown for Council to have a special session regarding the airport. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk