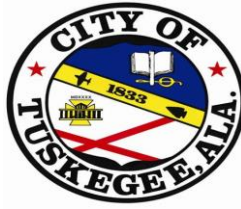


CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
OFFICIAL MINUTES: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Special Session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021** at 10:15 AM 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.** Recited the Lord's Prayer in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Norma McGowan Jackson
Council Member Johnny Ford
Council Member Orlando R. Whitehead (via zoom platform)

ABSENT

Council Member-at-Large Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept the agenda as circulated with the following amendments: item A will move to item C and item C moves to item A and add a resolution for Willie Mae Patrick, deceased and a resolution supporting Medicaid expansion in Alabama. 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 amend the agenda to add a resolution supporting Medicaid Expansion in the State of Alabama. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSIONS:** Derrick E. Swanson, City Manager / Tony Haygood, Mayor.

A. Bibb Street Projects: Agreement with Engineer to add curbing and sidewalk before paving.

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson for council to authorize the Engineer/Consultant to complete the curbing and sidewalk project before any paving is done on Bibb Street. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. George Washington Carver Elementary School: adding a right turning lane.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve the construction of a right lane at George Washington Carver elementary School through the Alabama Transportation and Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II). Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. (an ordinance will be prepared to ratify the action taken during this meeting at the February 9, 2021 meeting)

C. Red Tails Scholarship Foundation: Hangar Lease.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to extend a ten (10) year lease to the Red Tails Scholarship Foundation with the understanding that they will continue to invest in the airport for consideration of an annual lease fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per year. Mayor Haygood seconded the motion and on call for the question the following was recorded:

VOTING AYE

Tony Haygood, Mayor
Johnny Ford, Council Member Dist. 2
Orlando Whitehead, Council Member Dist. 3

VOTING NAY

Norma M. Jackson, Council Member Dist. 1

Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to ask FAA if they will do an investigation on the transaction between Red Tails Scholarship Foundation and Golden Eagle Aviation. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2021-61. A resolution Approving the construction of a right turning lane at George Washington Carver Elementary School.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve the construction of a right tuning lane through the Alabama Transportation and Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II). Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 -61

Resolution Alabama Transportation and Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II) Authorizing the Construction of a Right Turning Lane at George Washington Carver Elementary School

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee consents and approves the construction of a right turning lane with the terms and conditions contained in the letter dated March 5, 2021 from the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP) project which was awarded for FY2021 ATRIP-II program for the City of Tuskegee, attached and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT 'A'**.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 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

EXHIBIT "A" Herein Attached to this set of minutes.

B. Resolution No. 2021-62. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Willie Mae Patrick, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve and accept resolution number 2021-62 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Willie Mae Patrick, deceased. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Willie Mae Patrick, deceased

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak is Willie Mae Patrick; and

WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the things she taught and the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee 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 Willie Mae Patrick and express sympathy to her family 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 Ms. Willie Mae Patrick.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

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. 2021-63. A Resolution supporting Medicaid Expansion in the State of Alabama. Motion was made by Council Member Ford for council to support Medicaid Expansion in the State of Alabama. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-63

Resolution in Support of Medicaid Expansion in Alabama

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the nation's health insurance program for low-income individuals and families, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on healthcare reform makes Medicaid expansion optional for states, leaving each state's decision in the hands of the governors and state leaders, and

WHEREAS, the federal government will pay 100% of the cost of expanding coverage through 2016; after that, the match goes down by 2% each year, but Alabama will never pay more than 10%, and

WHEREAS, while Alabamians are paying, and will continue to pay, federal taxes to cover the cost of Medicaid expansion, so Alabama is not only losing billions of dollars, but our tax dollars are being used to pay for expansion in other states, and

WHEREAS, three out of five uninsured Alabamians ages 19-64 who would qualify for coverage under an expanded Medicaid program are hard-working adults in low-wage, economically essential jobs that do not offer health coverage, and

WHEREAS, the top industries in Alabama employing the largest number of uninsured Alabamians are restaurants and other food services, construction, landscaping services and household goods repair, and

WHEREAS, this expansion does not add benefits, but merely allows adults making less than \$15,000 a year the opportunity to receive health coverage that will increase access to preventative care, avoid costly emergency room visits, and create a more productive workforce, and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act reduced funding to hospitals intended to cover the cost of the uninsured; these reductions were made based on the belief that states would expand Medicaid and lower the number of uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's hospitals will experience these mandated cuts regardless of whether the state expands health coverage, cuts that will place a tremendous financial strain on hospitals resulting in elimination of services, loss of jobs and even hospital closures thus reducing access to care for every Alabamian, and

WHEREAS, the healthcare industry is one of the state's largest employers, providing salaries and benefits to more than 80,000 individuals, and indirectly supporting more than 79,000 additional jobs, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the health benefits, Alabama would experience a tremendous economic boom from the estimated \$12 billion in funding, which will create an overall economic impact of \$28 billion in six years, creating \$10 billion in wages and over 30,000 new jobs in health care, retail, construction, food service, and more, and

WHEREAS, a strong healthcare delivery system is essential in supporting economic development and sustaining and recruiting business to Alabama, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama endorse Medicaid expansion recognizing it is essential to the state's economy, to preserve access to care for every Alabamian and to ensure a healthy workforce, and we strongly call on our state's leaders to take advantage of this opportunity and find an Alabama-driven solution to increase health coverage .

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Ford moved to adjourn at 11:19 AM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk