

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 14, 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.** Rev. Otis Head.
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: City Manager Selection Process; Memorial Day Weekend; Form of Government Change; Adopt-a-Corner/block; and Terrorist/FBI Investigation. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (Minutes for April 9th, April 11th, April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th, & May 2nd)

A. Minutes for April 9th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for April 9, 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.

B. Minutes for April 11th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for April 11, 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.

C. Minutes for April 15th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for April 15, 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.

D. Minutes for April 22nd:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for April 22, 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.

E. Minutes for April 29th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for April 29, 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.

F. Minutes for May 2nd:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for May 2, 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. City Council Work Session.
- B. City Manager Selection Process.
- C. Memorial Day Weekend Announcement.
- D. Presentation: Willie Haygood (Retirement)
- E. Form of Government Change.
- F. Adopt-a-corner/block.
- G. Terrorist/FBI Investigation.
- H. Announcements.

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

9. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Ulysees Roberts, Temporary Acting City Manager.

- A. Chief's Presentations:
 - Police Dept. (Chief Marquez James has been with the City of Tuskegee for 1 year)
 - Fire Dept.
- B. Council Updates / Concerns.
- C. Street Maintenance Report.
- D. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead 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 (Apr. 2019)
 - 2. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Apr. 2019)
 - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Apr. 2019)
 - 4. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Apr. 2019)
 - 5. Disability Waiver Request.
 - 6. 2019 Annual Self-Assessment Result.

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

- F. Announcements:
 - 52nd Annual Fly-In will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Moton Field)
Concert will be held at 3:00 PM with Kirk Jay from "The Voice"
 - City of Tuskegee will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.

10. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2019-41. Commendations to Thelma Miller celebrating her 102nd Birthday. Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2019-27 as stated giving commendations to Thelma Miller celebrating her 102nd Birthday. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-43A

Commendations to Thelma C. Miller on Celebrating 102nd Birthday

WHEREAS, Thelma C. Miller was born on May 10, 1917 and has been a resident of this community for a long time; and

WHEREAS, Thelma C. Miller will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 100th Birthday on May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Thelma C. Miller has been an example of perseverance, integrity, honor and good will; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an active member in the community, she has been active in her church, Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church and in her civic responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive lifetime, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS, she has lived during the most eventful century of this world's history; and in her quiet way has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her during these turbulent years; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr. and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee deems it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Thelma C. Miller on the occasion of her 102ND Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of the City of Tuskegee to be affixed, this 14TH day of May, 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. 2019-43. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Jaime Collins, (Jay's Towing)

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2019-29 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Jaime Collins, deceased (Jay's Towing). Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-43B

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Jaime Collins, deceased (Jay's Towing)

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak is Jaime Collins; and

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

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 Jaime Collins and express sympathy to his 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 Jaime Collins.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 14th day of May, 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. 2019-44. Authorizing the City Attorney to request a formal attorney general's opinion regarding the proper steps to take in compliance of the law to change the form of government, Manager-Council Form back to the Mayor-Council Form of Government.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2019-44 as stated authorizing the City Attorney to request a formal attorney general's opinion regarding the question and issue of the proper steps to take in compliance of the law to change the form of government back to the Mayor/Council Form of Government. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-44

Resolution Authorizing the City Attorney to request a formal attorney general's opinion regarding the proper steps to take in compliance of the law to change the form of government, Manager/Council Form back to the Mayor/Council Form

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA as the governing body of said City that the City Attorney is authorized by the Council to request a Formal Attorney General's Opinion from the Alabama Attorney General regarding the question and issue of what steps are proper to take in compliance with Alabama law to change the form of municipal government in the City of Tuskegee from a Manager-Council form of government which currently exists under Alabama Code Section 11-43A-1, et. seq to a Mayor-Council form of government and when would said change of government become effective if the process began immediately.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama this this 14th day of May, 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. Matthew Smith RE: Skydiving Business/Cyber Security/Financial Audits
2. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Thanks for excellent Carver Festival Activities
3. Rodney McKnight, Jr. RE: Allowing citizens to view the financial records
4. Mattie Blizzard RE: Clean-up of homes and properties next to her residence & 4 sink holes
5. Inez Foye RE: Thanks to City Manager regarding 4th Avenue/Car Wash & Gas Station Dumpsters
6. Melvin Adams RE: Adams St. hole at top of hill/before you get to Washington Ave./overgrown shrubs
7. Lenora Goode Brown RE: Cleaning the City of Tuskegee weekly
8. Tomora Pave RE: Loiterers in front of Piggly Wiggly

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

7:47 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to enter the executive session. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:46 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry to end the executive session. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to Council authorize and approve the formal website design and contract for the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Whitehead 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 8:46 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk