

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:08 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.** Dr. 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: under Mayor's Communication: District 2 Awards. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes for August 13, 2019, August 21, 2019 & August 28, 2019.

A. Minutes for August 13, 2019

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for August 13, 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 August 21, 2019

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for August 21, 2019 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

C. Minutes for August 28, 2019

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to accept and approve the minutes for August 28, 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. Food Truck Ordinance.
- C. Council Member Lee: Indigenous People's Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, October):
  1. Torri Jackson & Valerie Adams
- D. Council Member Whitehead: Awards to Citizens for yard beautification
- E. Announcements.

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

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: Quality Assurance Specialist's Report (Mia Hutcherson)
  - 1. Quality Assurance Specialist's Report (Sept. 2019)
  - 2. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Sept. 2019)
  - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Sept. 2019)
  - 4. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Sept. 2019)

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

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the addition of a relocation expense reimbursement clause to the personnel policy 401.1: *"when a key leadership position is hired, relocation expense reimbursement will be made available when funds are available and in accordance with uniform guidance 75.464 relocation costs of employees"* as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

**Request for Position Title Changes:**

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to approve the position title change of Transportation Coordinator/Bus Driver to Transportation Lead as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the position title change of Facilities & Safety Coordinator to Facilities Lead as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve adding the position title of Maintenance Lead as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to approve eliminating the position title of Health/Mental Health/Nutrition Manager as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to approve adding the position title of Health/Mental Health/Nutrition Coordinator as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the position title change of Quality Assurance Specialist to Deputy Director of Operations as presented by Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

F. Announcements.

10. **ORDINANCES.**

A. Ordinance No. 2019-05. Petition and Special Election Referendum to change the form of government for the City of Tuskegee. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2019-61. Recognizing Oct 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2019-61 as stated recognizing October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-61**

***A Resolution Recognizing Oct 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week.***

**WHEREAS**, the city of Tuskegee, Alabama is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Tuskegee; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, when the smoke alarm sounds Tuskegee's residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should practice using different ways out; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

**WHEREAS**, Tuskegee's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape! Effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Tony Haygood, Mayor of City of Tuskegee, do hereby proclaim **October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Tuskegee to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Tuskegee's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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. 2019-62. Jerry Klinger contributions to Tuskegee Civil Rights & Historic Trail.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2019-62 as stated recognizing Jerry Klinger's contribution to Tuskegee Civil Rights & Historic Trail celebrating and remembering the life of Booker Conley, deceased. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-62**

#### ***A Resolution Recognizing Jerry Klinger's Contributions to Tuskegee Civil & Historic Trail***

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Klinger, president and founder of the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, a historic society honoring the commonality of the American experience; and

**WHEREAS** Jerry Klinger also serves as the president of the To Save a Life foundation, helping grass roots volunteer charitable efforts; an associate member of the US Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad; past board member of the Institute of Southern Jewish Life and past president of Congregation Kehilat Shalom in Gaithersburg, MD; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Klinger speaks to the American Jewish experience through his 100 plus articles and through television and radio appearances; 37 projects in the United States and 5 countries for the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, benefiting over 7,000,000 people annually; and

**WHEREAS** Jerry Klinger, sought to honor Julius Rosenwald and his educational partnership with Booker T. Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Klinger and the Jewish American Society of Historic Preservation funded the production of the 13 trail markers, the organization's motivation to support this endeavor and the need to document the struggle for civil rights recorded through the trail's markers; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Tuskegee, commends Jerry Klinger for his commitment, dedication and contribution to the Tuskegee Civil Rights and Historic Trail.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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. 2019-63. Tuskegee University Archives *Contributions to Tuskegee Civil & Historic Trail*.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2019-30 as stated recognizing Tuskegee University Archives' Contributions to Tuskegee Civil & Historic Trail. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-63**

##### **A Resolution recognizing Tuskegee University Archives' Contributions to Tuskegee Civil & Historic Trail**

**WHEREAS**, The Tuskegee University Archives, a Division of the Library Services, is recognized for their vision in establishing the Tuskegee Civil Rights and Historic Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tuskegee University Archives, is a leader in maintaining the historic preservation of Civil Rights material, including, photographs, documents speeches and oral histories; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tuskegee University Archives, determined the events, persons and locations of the 13 markers; and

**WHEREAS** The Tuskegee University Archives compiled information for each of the 13 markers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuskegee University Archives sought other partners, such as the American Jewish Society for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission, City of Tuskegee, the National Park Service, Macon County Commission, and the Macon County Bicentennial Committee; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Tuskegee, commends the Tuskegee University Archives, a Division of the Library Services for its diligence and hard-work to the contribution and development of the Tuskegee Civil Rights and Historic Trail.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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. Brenda Smith RE: Chisholm Street (formerly Cox Street)
2. Mattie Blizzard RE: Maintenance of her yard

3. Rozelle Chappell RE: Ordinance No. 2019-05 Petition & Special Election Referendum on the change of government for the City of Tuskegee
4. Inez Foye RE: Thank you to Mr. Roberts for a good job; Comments regarding the National Night Out held by Marquez James, Police Chief

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

7:42 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to enter the executive session. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:11 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry to end the executive session. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.** NONE.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn at 8:11 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