

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 6:00 PM 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.** Rev. Dr. Otis Head.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fatima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member at Large Annie M. Brown
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

All Council Members were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to approve the agenda as circulated with the following additions: add executive session and add at item D) Indigenous People's Day – 2nd Monday October. Council Member at Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Petition and Special Election-Referendum on the Change of Government for the City of Tuskegee.

B. Modification to Tuskegee-Macon County Early Head Start startup cost:

1. 2019 Ford Fiesta (\$ 15,065.00)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the modification of the Macon County Early Head Start startup cost to purchase a 2019 Ford Fiesta in the amount of \$15,065.00. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

2. 2019 Ford Escape (\$ 21,522.00)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the modification of the Macon County Early Head Start startup cost to purchase a 2019 Ford Escape in the amount of \$21,522.00. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

C. Continuing Resolution for FY2019 Budget thru October 31, 2019.

D. Indigenous People's Day – 2nd Monday October

Motion was made by Council Member at Large Brown to accept/approve resolution number 2019-65 observing Indigenous People's Day on the 2nd Monday of October each year. Council Member Curry seconded the motion. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

E. Other Matters.

7. **ORDINANCES:**

A. Ordinance No. 2019-05. Petition and Special Election Referendum on the change of government for the City of Tuskegee.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve ordinance number 2019-05 Petition and Special Election Referendum on the change of government for the City of Tuskegee. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05
PETITION & SPECIAL ELECTION-REFERENDUM ON THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT
FOR THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Tuskegee to provide an opportunity for the citizens to express their will through a Special Election-Referendum in regard to whether the municipality shall change its form of government from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

SECTION 2. In order to determine that a sufficient number of bona fide citizens of the City of Tuskegee desire to have a Special Election-Referendum on the change of the form of government from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council, the City Council authorizes that an official Petition be circulated throughout the municipality. A minimum number of Ten Percent (10%) of the qualified voters who voted in the 2016 City of Tuskegee General Election must sign the Official Petition, to further advise the City Council as to the form of government under which the City will continue to function should the council-manager form of government be abandoned.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk of the City of Tuskegee as the Municipal Election Official and the Chair of the Macon County Board of Registrars have both confirmed in writing to the City Council that on August 23, 2016 a total of 2,008 citizens voted in the regular municipal election and that a total of 1,125 citizens voted in the run-off election held on October 4, 2016 bringing to a total number of 3,133 cast vote in the 2016 municipal election. Ten Percent of those total votes equal 314 rounded up to the next whole number.

SECTION 4. As a result of the voter certification, the Council sets the minimum number of bona fide petition signatures from qualified citizens at 314. The Petition shall state the proposal that a Special Election-Referendum be called by the City Council to change the form of government for the City of Tuskegee from a Council-Manager form of government to a Mayor-Council form of government effective on the date prescribed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

SECTION 5. The City Council directs through this Ordinance that copies of the Official Petition shall be prepared and made available for signing by the citizens on or before October 1, 2019 after the adoption of this Ordinance and that each Council District under the supervision of the Council Person for that said District of their designee shall provide a suitable venue and opportunity for the citizens to access and sign the official petition in each district and that the Municipal Complex shall be a venue for those at large who are bona fide qualified voters to further access and sign the official petition.

SECTION 6. The period for obtaining signatures for the Official Petition for the Change of Government shall terminate at midnight on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The Official Petitions shall be deposited with the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Tuskegee by Noon on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The City Clerk as the Municipal Election Official shall certify whether the required number of bona fide qualified voter signatures has been obtained on the Official Petitions on or before Thursday, December 12, 2019.

SECTION 7. In the event the Official Petition is signed by a minimum of Three Hundred Fourteen (314) bona fide qualified voters of the City of Tuskegee, the Council shall give Notice on Thursday, December 19, 2019 of a Special Election-Referendum by publication in the Tuskegee News for four consecutive weeks in accordance with the provisions of Section 11-46-22, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended to occur on The Second Tuesday of March 10, 2020 to-wit: Election Day as prescribed by 11-46-21 Code of Alabama 1975 as amended. The Polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and all rules, regulations; protocols and procedures shall be required as in any other municipal election.

SECTION 8. In the event the Special Election-Referendum decides by a plurality of votes that there shall be a change in the form of government from the Council-Manager to the Mayor-Council form in the City of Tuskegee said change in government shall become effective on Monday, November 2, 2020

SECTION 9. The City Council shall give public notice and hold at least two Town Hall Meetings to obtain input from the general public and citizens of the City of Tuskegee as to the form of government desired in the municipality. The first Town Hall Meeting shall occur on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. and the Second Town Hall Meeting shall occur on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 10. The First Reading of this proposed ordinance shall be given at the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the Second Reading and vote on adoption shall be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at a Special Meeting of the City Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 24th day of September, 2019.

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

LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

FARTIMA B. CLARK, CITY CLERK

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. *Resolution No. 2019-64. Continuing Resolution for FY2019 Budget thru October 31, 2019.*

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2019-64 Continuing Resolution for FY2019 Budget thru October 31, 2019. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 64

A Resolution to Continue the FY2019 Budget through October 31, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama that this Resolution shall be deemed an official extension of the previously adopted FY2019 Budget through October 31, 2019 with the following amendments, terms and conditions:

1. That the City Council desires additional time to complete action on the FY2020 Budget.
2. That the appropriations and authorizations for the departments of the City of Tuskegee until October 31, 2019 shall follow the levels of funding and expenditures provided in and adopted in Resolution No. 2019-9A.
3. That all spending provisions for all departments of the municipal without exception are limited to those which are necessary to conduct the day to day business of the government. No new personnel hires of any kind shall be approved at any level which would add to or increase the current levels of spending of any department at the time of the adoption of this Resolution. In addition no additional contract or purchase of any kind for any product or service exceeding the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be approved by any department of the government without the expressed consent of the City Council.
4. No salary adjustments, modifications, increases or raises or personnel classifications and status changes shall be made by any department for any reasons without the expresses consent of the City Council during the period of this budget extension.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 24th day of September, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark
FARTIMA B. CLARK, CITY CLERK

B. Resolution No. 2019-65. Indigenous People's Day observed the 2nd Monday in October annually.

Motion was made by Council Member at Large Brown to accept/approve resolution number 2019-65 observing Indigenous People's Day on the 2nd Monday of October each year. Council Member Curry seconded the motion. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE

DESIGNATING THE 2nd MONDAY IN OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Tuskegee recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and flourished in the Americas since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS Colorado encompasses the ancestral homelands of 48 tribes and the Denver metropolitan area is home to descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Tuskegee recognizes and values the vast contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples knowledge science philosophy arts and culture; and

WHEREAS Indigenous People in our communities as in all parts of the Americas endured centuries of cruelty exploitation and genocide; and

WHEREAS the City of Tuskegee fosters inclusivity racial equity and justice for all people and opposes systemic practices that perpetuate the oppression of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS the City of Tuskegee recognizes its shared responsibility to honor our nation's indigenous roots history traditions and cultural contributions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee formally recognizes the interconnectedness of humanity and foundational and cultural contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the history of our community and does hereby proclaim the 2nd Monday of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples Day And that on that 2nd Monday of October of each year the City of Tuskegee will support events that celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples their traditions culture and our shared history.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark
FARTIMA B. CLARK, CITY CLERK

9. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNITCATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine Harrington RE: Ordinance No. 2019-05 Petition and Special Election Referendum on the change of government for the City of Tuskegee
2. Mattie Blizzard RE: Petition to change the form of government
3. Judge Deborah Biggers RE: Special Election set for March 10, 2020
4. Tracey Moon RE: Ordinance No. 2019-05/requiring City Manager/Police Chief to reside in city
5. James Allen Gray, Jr. RE: Unity in the City of Tuskegee
6. Tomora Pace RE: TFCU electricity was out/Subway not having enough food stocked to serve

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk