

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 8, 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. K.G. Jones.
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 Lee to accept the agenda as circulated with the following addition: Resolution for Marilyn Cottrell Jones, deceased; Resolution for Pink Gala-B & D Cancer Center; Resolution for World Conference of Mayors & HBTSA. 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 September 10, 2019 & September 24, 2019.

A. Minutes for September 10, 2019:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for September 10, 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 September 24, 2019:

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to accept and approve the minutes for September 24, 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. 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 Curry to receive the Financial Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Frankie L. Williams, Finance Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

E. Head Start Report: (Ms. Taquila Monroe)

1. Executive Director'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 Ms. Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

F. Announcements:

- City will be CLOSED Oct 14th in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
- Healthy Harvest Festival at BTW October 31, 2019 at 6:00 PM

10. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2020-01. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Marilyn Cottrell Jones, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve resolution number 2020-01 as stated Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Marilyn Cottrell Jones, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Marilyn Cottrell Jones, 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 Marilyn Cottrell Jones; 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;

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 Marilyn Cottrell Jones 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. Marilyn Cottrell Jones.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of October, 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. 2020-02. Commendations to B & D Cancer Center on their Pink Gala regarding Cancer Awareness.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2020-02 as stated. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02
Supporting B & D Cancer Center's Annual Pink Gala for Breast Cancer Awareness

WHEREAS, October 2019 marks the 34th year that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been reorganized to help educate and raise public awareness about the disease; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 48,100 new cases of noninvasive breast carcinoma, 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer and approximately 2,670 men with invasive breast cancer diagnosed in 2019; and

WHEREAS, African American women tend to have poorer survival rates than women from other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, African American women, under the age 45, have higher incidence of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that African American women often have aggressive tumors with a poorer prognosis or chance for recovery; and

WHEREAS, African American women are more likely to die from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the chance from dying from breast cancer is higher if a tumor is found at the late stage; and

WHEREAS, women from some racial and ethnic groups may be less likely to get breast cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the City of Tuskegee join with local community stakeholders to express its strong support for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as:

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In addition, I urge all citizens of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, to recognize the seriousness of this disease and to support organizations working to find a cure. In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused their seal to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2019.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 8th day of October, 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. 2020-03. Commendations to the World Conference of Mayors and the HBTSA.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve resolution number 2020-03 as stated. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried. (will be prepared by Dr. Elaine C. Harrington to be submitted at the November 12, 2019 council meeting)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03
~Resolution of Commendation~

WHEREAS, the World Conference of Mayors, Inc. (WCM), with The Honorable Johnny Ford as Founder and Current Secretary General, held its Quarterly Board Meeting in the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, October 5-9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the WCM was also joined by the First National Meeting of the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance (HBTSA), with its Founder, The Honorable Johnny Ford. The HBTSA featured a Conference on "Economic Benefits From Cultural Heritage Tourism." A full array of sessions supported this theme focus; and

WHEREAS, a committed and diversified Local Host Planning Committee, as lead by Tuskegee's Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, collaboratively met on several occasions and planned this unique conference; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and supporters-nationally and internationally (Including Representatives from the Continent of Africa), converged on the City of Tuskegee and actively participated in a very informative conference with topics covering the historical, cultural, political, economical and educational spectrum. A competent slate of distinguished speakers enhanced the overall tone and quality of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee was a primary recipient and beneficiary of the Conference, including the tourism and economic benefits noted and received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Tuskegee, by me, Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., as Mayor and the City Council, and City Manager extends Special Commendation to the Officials and Planners of The WCM and The HBTSA for selecting the historic site of Tuskegee for this dynamic conference. Reflections of the Conference will long record this conference experience as "Informative, Collegial and Multifaceted."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution of Commendation shall be delivered to the leadership of The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. and The Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance. A copy shall also be filed with the Official Records of the City Council of The City of Tuskegee.

Adopted and Approved this 8th day of October, 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: NAACP Freedom Luncheon, Nov. 3rd at 2:00 PM
2. Mattie Blizzard RE: Thanks to UBT regarding her yard
3. Ms. Brown RE: Supporting people with disabilities

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

7:28 PM Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to enter the executive session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7:52 PM Motion was made by Council Member Lee 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.**

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk