



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

*Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman joined the meeting at 4:04 PM.*

**Present** 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-23:089](#)

Minutes for the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street and David McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Joe Hafner; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-23:193](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 W. WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-15500, OWNED BY JORGE GUERRA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HALTOM'S 2ND ADD LOT 1

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [201 W Woodrow Affidavit](#)  
[201 W Woodrow](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following**

vote.

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street and David McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Joe Hafner;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:195](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 423 N. ALLIS, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-11300, OWNED BY MARIO C. & MARCIA G. ALVARADO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: CHESHIER RE SUB LOVES SUR 18-14-4

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [423 N Allis Affidavit](#)  
[423 N Allis](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street and David McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Joe Hafner;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:196](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-18400, OWNED BY ANTHONY MGBODILE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HALTOM'S 2ND ADD 50X132

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [500 Woodrow Affidavit](#)  
[500 Woodrow](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street and David McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Joe Hafner;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:197](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 MELODY, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143244-27500, OWNED BY IGNACIO AND EMILEE PATINO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: WOODS, F. M. ADD LOT 6 N50' S105' E25' LT 8

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [700 Melody Affidavit](#)  
[700 Melody](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following**

vote.

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:198](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 HOOVER AVE. B JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-16100, OWNED BY CLEOPHUS BRYANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,814.27; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: DIXON 3RD ADD LOTS 10-11-12

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [900 Hoover Affidavit](#)  
[900 Hoover](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:199](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1211 NETTLETON CIRCLE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143241-43600, OWNED BY CHAND J HAYDAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: STUCK, CHAS. A. 2ND ADD LOTS 4-5

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [1211 Nettleton Affidavit](#)  
[1211 Nettleton Cir](#)

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, how did we get from \$175 to \$275 to \$315? Chairman John Street said, they must have had some extra clean up or something on the lot. Tony is here. Tony, do you know specifically? But they probably mowed it and then had to gather up some trash to haul off and different things. Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, yes, I can't tell you the exact specifics, but it is based upon the cost that we are assessed for the cleanup of the property. Chairman John Street said, thank you, Tony.*

*Later on in the meeting, after the reading of RES-23:210, City Attorney Carol Duncan said, Dr. Coleman, just to answer your question about earlier, \$275 and \$315 appear to be an initial mowing. \$550 is a property that they have mowed twice; and that \$3000 one looks like a demolition as opposed to a mowing. I just took a look at it.*

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:200](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1225 S. CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143241-17100, OWNED BY J&M FOSTER PROPERTIES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ELDERS WEST SIDE ADD E160' OF LOT 1

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [1225 S Culberhouse Affidavit](#)  
[1225 S Culberhouse](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:201](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARDEW SUB PT W 1/2 E 1/2 SE NW 21-14-4 N 1/2 LOT 10 50X140.81 ALL LOT 11

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [1313 Pardew Affidavit](#)  
[1313 Pardew](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:202](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1508 AIRPORT ROAD, JONESBORO, AR 72405, PARCEL 01-144101-02800, OWNED BY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT S1/2 NE JBORO CITY

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [1508 Airport Affidavit](#)  
[1508 Airport Rd](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:203](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1712 NATIONAL, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144223-18200, OWNED BY RODNEY CRANFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: VIKING ADD PT OF 22-14-4

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [1712 National Affidavit](#)  
[1712 National](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:204](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2004 MUNOS LANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143234-09200, OWNED BY NO TIES INK, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BRIARWOOD 2ND ADD

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [2004 Munos Affidavit](#)  
[2004 Munos](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:205](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE JB NETTLETON CITY

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [2612 Crawford Affidavit](#)  
[2612 Crawford](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:206](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,

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TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3406 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-35600, OWNED BY HAZEL WATSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: FAIRVIEW ACRES J'BORO CITY LOT 36 BLOCK I

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [3406 Meador Affidavit](#)  
[3406 Meador](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:207](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3509 AGGIE ROAD, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144164-00400, OWNED BY EUGENIA HARRELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HUNTER ADD

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [3509 Aggie Affidavit](#)  
[3509 Aggie](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:208](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT MORTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144233-03000, OWNED BY FORMON RAYBURN, ETAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT SW SW 55X165

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [Morton 01-144233-03000 Affidavit](#)  
[Morton](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:209](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROYALE,

JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143103-13500, OWNED BY RICHARD L. GENTLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TAYLORS FIRST REPLAT OF A PT N BELGRATH HTS SUB LOTS 7-13 & 18-33 LESS N15' LOT 34

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [Royale 01-143103-13500 Affidavit](#)  
[Royale](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:210](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT SOUTHWEST DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-133023-02800, OWNED BY RISHANA ENTERPRISES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PLAT OF BENTONS SUB DIV EXT. E1/2 SW 2-13-3

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** [Southwest Dr 01-133023-02800 Affidavit](#)  
[Southwest Dr](#)

**A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:211](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA); AND, AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY2020 49 U.S.C SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANT, FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (JET)

**Sponsors:** Grants and JETS

**Attachments:** [FY2020 5307 Budget Excel](#)

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, is that two grants or one? Is it a combination grant? Alejandra Morales from the Grants Department approached the podium and said, yes, this is just one grant. Obviously, there is like an 80/20 for specific items on there, and then the rest is 50/50 for operations. That is why it was separated, just for easy reading. Councilmember David McClain said, so there are two applications on this on our agenda. So is there one grant we are applying for? Ms. Morales said, so this one is just one. The next one is for a different fiscal year, so those would be for two grants then. But this is just one that we are talking about.*

*Councilmember David McClain said, is this for 2020? Ms. Morales said, yes, sir. Councilmember David McClain said, okay, I didn't know if that was a typo or something. Ms. Morales said, no it's from the 2020. Chairman John Street said, it's five years, isn't it? Ms. Morales said, yes, usually it is the fiscal year. So 2020 plus five additional years to be able to figure out what we want to do with the funds; and then if we don't, then obviously they return and go back to FTA. So that is getting closer and we are trying to get that applied for and obligated before we get to do that.*

*Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you. First of all, let me point out for the record, I understand decorum. You all forgive me for my shades. I cannot see. These are prescriptions and I can't see. I left my regular glasses in the car, so forgive me. I understand decorum, but I can't see. You know, Dr. Coleman? I'm sorry. But I can't read it if I didn't. So forgive me in that regard. So give me in layman's terms. I understand applying for a grant. That's not my problem; but when we say we want to use these funds. I saw the numbers and all of that. Are we trying to apply for this grant? From my understanding, this is from 2020 from what he said, and then do we have these funds already allocated to specific needs and so on and so forth?*

*Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, yes, these particular grants, this is JETS transit funding. Transit funding comes in a formula allocation to the city of Jonesboro. So these funds are already allocated for the city of Jonesboro, and we are provided with this. You've heard of a five-year period in order to utilize those funds for the various points of operation in the JETS system. So we have already been allocated the funding. We just have to indicate to them now how those funds are going to be used, thus this award that is coming before you or this resolution that is before you tonight that goes into the application that then tells FTA how those formula funds are going to be utilized. So the funding is ours. This is saying how we are going to use it.*

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have a question. I already know this is going to happen, but is there a way that this information when we work on the budget can be already set into the budget before we come to a council, or do they have to go ahead and let it come back this way by voting on it individually since that money is already set aside for that? Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, well it is a grant and the current council rules... Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I know that, but if money is already appropriated, which we already know from this particular area; but couldn't something also be put in the budget? Or do we have to just go back and still vote on it? Mr. Thomas said, again, that is up to you all, because current council rules require us to bring grant applications before city council for approval prior to submission and then for acceptance once they are moved forward. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and some of that is the requirement of the grants themselves. Some of them require council approval before you can ever apply for them. It may vary by grant, but some of them require that even before you're allowed to apply. Mr. Thomas said, some of them do, but if there is a desire to make an exception for some of our formula applications that we know we are receiving funding for and that we know we are going to include in a budget process, then we would be open to looking at that process.*

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, well, I think that needs to be looked at, because sometimes it causes discussion, but also causes confusion, especially for new people. I know what this is. I think David or somebody else knows what this is. But I think that if there is another way of addressing it where it wouldn't be such a confusion down the line through the beginning budget, that this is already going to be appropriated, or maybe some kind of statement next to the line item that this is going*



to be taken care of. Mr. Thomas said, right, because as you indicate, we know that. We use this formula funding for our JETS operation. We know that we have multiple years of funding, and we use those funding cycles as we expend funds and need funds. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I think this is not the only one, because we've had several over a period of years that when we get them, my thought is always why is this not already just taken care of instead of waiting down the line to add more pages to this? Mr. Thomas said, we can definitely look at what is included in the rules to come before you and what is not included. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and there might be an option of combining it into one resolution that says that you resolved to allow them to apply and accept the funds. We might be able to combine it that way where there is just one. But it may be grant dependent. We will just have to see. Mr. Thomas said, we will take a look. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, well, it probably is, but that question still needs to be asked, and I think that still needs to be looked at. Mr. Thomas said, indeed. Thank you.

**A motion was made by David McClain, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

[RES-23:212](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA); AND, AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY2021 49 U.S.C SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANT, FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (JET)

**Sponsors:** Grants and JETS

**Attachments:** [FY21 5307 Budget](#)

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, it's not so much a question as it is a statement. Sometimes when the individuals that are watching us make resolutions or pass information that is going to the full council, and if they don't see the budget type thing, then this looks to me sometimes, if I were sitting out there, that we are pulling money from the reserves. Does that make any sense to you? Okay? Because I have been asked that before; and I will make the statement, no they are not because this is already taken care of from the beginning. That is the biggest reason I asked that question, Ms. Duncan, a few minutes ago, because it looks like we are pulling money, we're pulling money, we're pulling money, and I know that we are not, but it needs to be clarified. I've said this before, and I will probably continue to say it, I think when the city has these kinds of meetings, we need to be a lot clearer to the public when we make these kinds of statements; because, yes, I cannot answer all of the questions that people ask me. But at the same time, I think if we can do some due diligence from the beginning and make these kind of statements when we do the budget, I think it would be a whole lot better.*

*Chairman John Street said, we were awarded the grant, I take it; and when we applied for it, there were certain funds we were applying for, and then we had in there the same amount of money that we obligate matching funds if we get the grant, so that is made public that those funds are out there we have to pay. So we were successful in getting the grant, I guess. Does it come out of this year's budget? Councilmember Dr. Charles*

*Coleman said, I think it is made public, but I think I need to push this statement just a little bit harder. What we think is fine as far as what a councilperson should know, an average person sitting out there doesn't know anything about these funds, and I will continue to say this whether you do it or not, that if we make things a lot clearer, then it makes a lot less people we have to answer to in the public if we make statements like this clear from the beginning. I have no problem voting for this type of thing. I want to make sure that is clear too. That is not a cop-out; but at the same time, the other part of it is that I get asked a lot of times, and I'll go back to this question again. Well, you guys passed the budget. Then you come up and you vote for something that we already know about as far as the money has already been appropriated. Okay? Well, where is that money coming from? Once again, is it coming out of the reserve fund? It kind of catches me in a catch-22 situation. I say, well, I don't know because I think this was already approved in the budget that we are seeing. So I think there still needs to be some public clearness when we make statements up here.*

*Director of Finance Steve Purtee approached the podium and said, Dr. Coleman, I think those are really good observations that you have. You know, through the process of grant applying and then awarding, we also schedule that information into a future budget cycle. Some of these grants that we are talking about will partially appear in next year's budget. They will be in budget years thereafter. There is a specific schedule in our budget on page 105 or 102 or something like that. It has three sections to it relating to federal grants. It shows those grants in process. It shows those that are committed. It shows those that are in process, and then it shows those that basically will be explored for that next budget cycle. In addition to that, when we approve those like these tonight or when they do get approved, they will filter through the JETS budget report that again is part of that budget packet, and you will see a revenue section for 5307. It shows revenue coming into JETS, and obviously then it's supporting whatever expenses relative to that, be it capital purchases, operations, those types of things. So the revenue is coming in relative to these grants based on the schedule that we anticipate will be necessary for the operations. So they are part of that budgeting process. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, let me ask you. Did I miss something when I went to the budget that actually showed that schedule? Mr. Purtee said, in the budget for the JETS page, it has a line item specific for 5307 and 5339, those two grant items, and it will show each of those relative to the revenue that will come in to support the expenses. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it might be that we could add a sentence in here that says this is already allocated in the 2023 budget. I don't know if that would help in the resolution. When Tony and I are looking at whether we can combine them, we might just add a sentence to show where it's reflected in each year's budget just so people will know where to go look for that. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I'm not trying to give anyone a hard time, but the public gives us a hard time when we can't answer questions like that, and it makes me feel a little awkward to the fact that people have brought that up several times. I just can't let that fly, because I have been asked too many times or it has been talked about too many times. Some statement or something, something small that can clarify a whole lot of things when that statement is put in there. Councilmember David McClain said, so I am just making sure, you just mean about the matching part? Is that what you are talking about? Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, yes. Councilmember David McClain said, okay, that's what I thought you meant.*

*Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, I just wanted to kind of echo what Dr. Coleman was referencing. We also as administration get some questions about, let's say that we bring a grant to the table that we are just applying for and there is a match. I understand the purpose of that and the intent; but*

*oftentimes the general public assumes that when you are applying for a grant and you are requesting permission to apply for a grant with a match that, that money is being spent when you apply, but it's not. So, and this is really just more for people that might be watching online or listening, by council rules, we have to bring a grant that has any type of match to council for approval to apply. So then, once we get the grant, we have to come back to council to accept the grant. So I kind of echo what Tony said a few minutes ago, maybe we look at some sort of system that kind of pre-authorizes some of those actions, because it is confusing. We've had several times where it has been reported that we received a grant, when we were actually just applying for a grant. Obviously, we want to try to create policies that are very clear and concise and easy for the public to follow. So I think that is something certainly worth looking at. Again, I understand the reason why maybe that was the way we used to do it, but I think it is certainly worthwhile looking to see if there is a way we can streamline that to make it a little more clear; because if you apply for a grant with a \$5,000,000 match, that is not \$5,000,000 coming out of the reserves because you are just applying. Now if you get the grant, then that comes back to council for an appropriation, totally different action. But I could see how that is absolutely confusing for people. Thank you.*

**A motion was made by David McClain, seconded by Anthony Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

**5. PENDING ITEMS**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Anthony Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 2 - Joe Hafner and Brian Emison